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UK men are less sociable than ladies

LONDON, Oct 11, (Reuters): Most British men are unsociable compared with women and need a drink before they can mix easily, according to a survey published today.

The survey, in *Woman's World* magazine, said men are quiet at parties, dread big social events such as weddings and leave their partners to make the first move in getting to know the neighbours.

The survey, by the Scots, 65 per cent of whom stay silent until they have consumed enough drink. Half the men in the rest of Britain are the same.

But once the drink takes hold, men become the life of the party and 60 per cent of wives go home first.

In most parts of Britain, more than four out of 10 men agree reluctantly to attend weddings and 14 per cent suggest their partner should go instead.

"In general, it seems men are less sociable than the ladies in their lives but they are willing to share their friends and mix and mingle—with the help of a little vino to oil the wheels," the survey concluded.

The magazine said the survey was based on questions sent to readers but did not say how many women had answered them.

Border under curfew

ISLAMABAD, Oct 11, (KUNA): The entire border of Pakistan's Sindh province with India was today placed under night curfew for indefinite period in an apparent bid to stop illegal entry into Pakistan from India of saboteurs and terrorists.

A notification issued by the Sindh government in Karachi today said that a belt of 25 kilometres along the border will remain under curfew from dusk to dawn with immediate effect.

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- سکھ علی گڑھ یونیورسٹی کے طالب علموں نے ہندو مخالف قتل کر دیا
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WEATHER

NORMAL to humid weather with light to moderate variable to southerly wind.

High water: 1.00 pm
Low water: 6.55 am, 7.00 pm
Sunrise: 5.47 am
Sunset: 5.21 pm
Maximum temperature recorded: 35°C 95°F
Minimum temperature recorded: 23°C 91°F
Maximum humidity expected: 75%
Minimum humidity expected: 45%
Maximum humidity recorded: 75%
Minimum humidity recorded: 45%

Emergency to be lifted

Algeria limping back to normal

ALGIERS, Oct 11, (Agencies): There was outward calm in Algiers today, with life slowly returning to normal after more than 400 persons were killed in a week of bloody unrest.

A communique from the President's Office announced that the state of emergency, proclaimed last Thursday two days after the troubles began, would be lifted at 0600 am tomorrow (0500 GMT).

Government officials said the first official casualty toll showed 176 persons had died as of Sunday night.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said reports of up to 500 dead were exaggerated but conceded that the official toll was lower than the actual number of dead.

Reports from various hospitals, medical and police sources indicated at least 400 dead and more than 1,000 injured so far.

Thirty-five demonstrators—including a correspondent for the official Algerian news agency—were reported killed in a new outbreak of violence last night shortly before a widely awaited speech by President Chadli Benjedid.

Burst

Diplomatic and family sources said Sid Ali Bennecheche, a senior editor at *Algerie Presse Service*, was shot down by a burst of machine-gun fire as he was covering the disturbances in the Bab El Oued district last night. He was hurriedly taken to hospital in the presence of several foreign reporters.

While some Algerians greeted the President's promises with scepticism—in part because he



Algerians take cover as troops open fire on demonstrators as they were trying to stage an illegal march in Algiers. (Reuters wirephoto)

did not specify the reforms—many expressed relief he had acted to end the violence.

Benjedid deplored the loss of life in the rioting although the government has given no exact casualty figure.

"We have to wait and see. We have to give him some time before deciding what to do," a young Algerian said when asked to assess the President's last night speech to the nation.

The national news agency APS reported crowds today demonstrated across the country in support of the President.

"Long live Chadli," the crowds chanted, according to APS, which said support measures believed to have been the main cause of the riots which erupted on Oct 4.

In the eastern city of Guelma it said some 12,000 people sang patriotic songs and carried portraits of the President and "Yes to Chadli" banners in an expression of support for his leadership.

A few shots rang out in Algiers today but residents reported no confrontations between security forces and demonstrators.

The streets of the capital, now mostly cleared of rubble from the fighting, were jammed with traffic and most businesses were open as usual.

Benjedid pledged a comprehensive programme of political reform to complement austerity measures believed to have been the main cause of the riots which erupted on Oct 4.

Political analysts and

diplomats said Benjedid, in reaffirming that the austerity measures would not be abandoned, had given nothing away despite the conciliatory tone of his speech.

"We will respect the will of the Algerian people in their desire for political changes in their widest meaning," Chadli told the nation.

Purge

"My personal belief is that through these reforms we will be able to deal with many of our economic and political problems," he added, pledging a purge of those who had abused their power.

But he said there could be no

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Janata Dal to challenge Rajiv

Indian opposition parties merge

BANGALORE, India, Oct 11, (Reuters): Three of India's major political groups merged today to form a powerful new party to challenge Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Meeting in the southern city of Bangalore, 6,000 politicians and activists endorsed the creation of the Janata Dal (People's Party) from the Janata Party, Lok Dal (B) and Jan Morcha.

The Congress (S), a breakaway faction of the ruling Congress (I), sent a small delegation to the rally and was expected to confirm later whether it was ready to join the new party.

"I am happy and proud that a new baby has been born," said Karnataka Chief Minister S.R. Bommai.

Vishwanath Pratap Singh, the scourge of Rajiv for more than a year through his campaign against official corruption, was elected president of the new party which is expected to pursue centrist policies.

Ousted

A former ally of Rajiv, Singh launched his Jan Morcha last year after being ousted as defence minister and later expelled from the Congress (I).

Accepting the leadership of Janata Dal, he told cheering delegates in the grounds of Bangalore palace: "It is named after the people and it will be in the service of the people."

Its aim, he said, was to create a national alternative to the Congress (I) which has ruled India for all but two years since independence from Britain in 1947.

The new party was originally to be known as the Socialist Janata Dal but the word socialist was dropped on the eve of the convention.

A policy document adopted today made it clear that a Janata Dal government would switch India's economic emphasis from urban industrial development to improving the rural and farm sectors.

India has lost its sense of direction, it said, and the fruits of 41 years of post-independence development had been confined to only a small section of society.

Status

The new party said its priority would be to raise the living standard and status of the weakest in society.

Today's successful merger was in doubt right up to the last minute because of internal dissent within Lok Dal (B) and the Janata Party.

Western analysts in New Delhi said the new party's ability to hold its factions together in the coming months would determine if it could challenge Rajiv in elections he must call before December next year.

One diplomat said grand alliances had been launched in the past with great fanfare only to fall apart within a short time.

Another analyst said the new party was probably the best that could be achieved in the present climate but he was unable to see Singh as a future prime minister.

"He is not a heavyweight and he has not got the ruthlessness that it takes to be a successful politician in India."

Politician shot dead in Sikh attack

NEW DELHI, Oct 11, (Agencies): Sikh gunmen assassinated a prominent member of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party in Punjab today, two days before Rajiv's planned visit to the northern state, Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported.

Twelve more deaths in the state today were also blamed on Sikh militants fighting for an independent Sikh nation.

Bhagwan Dass, vice-president of the Punjab state unit of the Congress Party, was shot and killed at Jaito Mandi in Faridkot district by five Sikh gunmen. The assailants sprayed bullets on Dass, his guard and another unidentified man with AK-47 assault rifle, PTI said. Faridkot is about 300 kilometres (186 miles) northwest of New Delhi.

Damage

Rajiv was scheduled to visit Punjab on Thursday for a personal assessment of flood damage in the state. Punjab is one of the four northern Indian states worst hit by floods. A total of 462 people have died in the four states due to floods.

The Prime Minister's Office in New Delhi refused to specify the areas Rajiv will visit in Punjab, pleading security reasons.

Dass was also a government minister in the Congress Party-led government in Punjab in 1980.

The other deaths were reported from Ropar district where

two policemen were murdered by Sikh gunmen. Three people were killed in Amritsar, one in Jalandhar, two in Ferozepur and two were murdered in Bhatinda district.

This year, at least 2,053 deaths have been blamed on the militants.

Meanwhile a senior Punjab police officer yesterday asked for a transfer in protest over what he said was interference in the fight against separatists.

Control

Inspector-General Chaman Lal went on leave hours after he was ordered not to interfere when Sikh priests, known to have links with the militants, marched into their faith's holiest shrine, the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

The temple has been under the control of police and troops since "Operation Black Thunder" in May this year when the Army cleared militants who had taken refuge there.

The marchers, led by former head priest Jasbir Singh Rode, announced they would organise a Sikh convention next month to discuss what they described as the crisis facing their community.

Lal told reporters in Amritsar: "I feel sad and disgusted at what has happened. The situation has been handled wrongly and Mr Rode's entry into the temple has nullified the gains of Operation Black Thunder."

Zia's death caused by sabotage, says minister

JEDDAH, Oct 11, (Reuters): The Pakistani information minister said in remarks published here today that sabotage caused the plane crash that killed President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

"I know that it is nothing but sabotage," Elahi Bakhsh Soomro, was quoted as saying by the Saudi Arabian daily *Arab News*.

The official findings of investigations into the Aug 17 crash of the Pakistani President's C-130 transport plane in which 30 people died, including US ambassador Arnold Raphel, have not been made public.

Soomro, in Saudi Arabia to attend the first information ministers meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, told the paper he would not pre-empt the findings of the crash probe.

But he said he did not rule out the involvement of Army officers

in sabotaging the aircraft.

"It will not be the first time that somebody from the Army attempted to plot against the government," Arab News quoted him as saying.

However, he said reports in the American media that young Army officers were responsible for the crash was a distorted way of giving out information.

Last month opposition leader Benazir Bhutto said Pakistanis wanted to know the truth behind the crash.

"Why is the nation being kept in the dark?" she asked.

United States and Pakistani experts, who have been sifting the wreckage of the crashed Hercules transport, have said they strongly suspect sabotage caused the plane crash shortly after taking off from Bahawalpur airport in Eastern Pakistan.

Assad in talks with Ethiopian President

DAMASCUS, Oct 11, (AP): Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and visiting Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam held talks yesterday on bilateral relations, the Arab world and international developments, the official Syrian Arab News Agency reported.

The two leaders met a few hours after Haile Mariam's arrival here on the first state visit to Syria by an Ethiopian head of state.

Czech cabinet quits

PRAGUE, Oct 11, (Reuters): The entire Czechoslovak government resigned today as Communist Party leaders discussed personnel changes expected to underline their determination not to embark on radical Soviet-style reforms.

Iran, Iraq exchange war dead

Gulf peace talks remain deadlocked

BAGHDAD, Oct 11, (Agencies): There has been no progress in the Iran-Iraq peace talks since they started over six weeks ago, a government-run newspaper reported today.

The front page editorial in *Al-Jumhuriya* was the first comment by Iraq's official media on the statement on Saturday by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, who said the two sides agreed in principle to United Nations proposals to end the war.

The daily said that the peace talks to end the Iran-Iraq war remain deadlocked because Iran has not committed itself to respecting free navigation in the Gulf and clearing the Shatt Al Arab waterway.

It said there was no breakthrough in negotiations and accused Iran of continuing

"delaying tactics and procrastination."

The negotiations are "still in square one where they started on Aug 25," *Al-Jumhuriya* said of the talks, which moved from Geneva to New York and are expected to return to Geneva at the end of the month.

Demand

The paper said that Iraq will not give up its demand for free navigation in the Gulf and the clearance of the Shatt Al Arab, the estuary of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers and Iraq's main outlet to the sea.

Velayati said that Iran agreed to a UN proposal that it give up its right to search ships in the Strait of Hormuz—the strategic mouth of the Gulf.

He did not mention Iraq's demand to clear the Shatt Al

Arab, which forms the southern boundary between the foes, before letting the talks progress.

"Neither of the two principles can be substituted for the other," *Al-Jumhuriya* said. "Both are closely linked."

In a related development, a senior UN official visited the Iraqi port of Basra, the country's second largest city, and the southern sector of the war front.

UN peacekeeping troops have been posted along the border to monitor the ceasefire in the eight-year war that went into effect on Aug 20.

Meanwhile, Iraq and Iran exchanged 16 bodies of their war dead today for the first time since a UN-mediated ceasefire in their eight-year conflict took effect on Aug 20.

The UN Undersecretary-General in charge of Middle East

peacekeeping operations, Marrack Goulding, told a news conference each side handed over the bodies of eight enemy soldiers killed on its territory.

He said the exchange in the UN-controlled zone separating the two countries near Iraq's southern port city of Basra showed Tehran and Baghdad were willing to co-operate more.

Goulding, who arrived in Baghdad on Sunday, said he had useful talks with senior military and civilian officials on the work of the UN Iraq-Iran Observer Group (UNIIMOG) monitoring the ceasefire.

He said his trip, his first to Iraq and Iran since the ceasefire, was aimed at "seeking the work of UNIIMOG on the ground."

He met yesterday with the Foreign Undersecretary, Nizar Hamdoun.



Thatcher

Tories open convention in Brighton

BRIGHTON, England, Oct 11, (UPI): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her Conservative Party today defiantly opened their first convention in Brighton since an Irish Republican Army (IRA) bomb in the coastal town nearly killed her four years ago.

The annual gathering of about 4,500 Tories began with a religious service that remembered the five people killed and 30 injured in the 1984 IRA bombing. Thatcher narrowly missed the sophisticated time-bomb attack.

Party chairman Peter Brooke said the IRA "fondly hoped that after the Brighton bomb our will would crumble, that we would allow them to wrench by force the people of Ulster from the United Kingdom. We did not. And we shall not."

Imposed

Fearing a new IRA attack, police imposed a "no-go" zone in the local airspace, a minesweeper patrolled just off the coast and a 100-ton concrete crash barrier protected the convention area.

At the first session of the four-day convention, Thatcher sat at the front platform but she will not give her major speech until the convention closes on Friday.

The outlawed IRA has said it will try again to kill Thatcher if the chance arises, but police said the Irish guerrillas also may choose a "soft" target.

Session

Thatcher and other delegates arrived in Brighton yesterday evening for their first gathering in the city since the 1984 bombing. The first session of the four-day convention was to start today.

Brighton police chief Roger Birch said despite a £1.4-million (\$2.4-million) security operation, "quite clearly the level of risk is going to be very high."

A commentator for the British Broadcasting Corp. said it was Britain's biggest peacetime security operation.

DAY BY DAY

THE rates for telephone calls made on car phones in accordance with new charges the Mobile Telephone Co. is planning to introduce are certainly higher than rates of foreign trunk calls.

Let the minister of finance and the government compare the charges to verify this fact. If the company's management does not know how to run its affairs, the public should not be penalised by paying very high rates.

Moreover, the subscriber has every right to use his phone for any length of time he desires. If 1 or 2 per cent of the subscribers misuse their phone, there is no justification in punishing the rest of the subscribers by increasing charges.

The management of the Mobile Telephone Co. should increase the communications channels as it did by increasing the sale of the telephone sets, again at very high prices.

As an example, let the company compare the prices of its telephone sets and those sold in Bahrain.

Alternatively, the government is called upon to open the way for services by a second company.

Zahed Matar

Paisley expelled from European Parliament for heckling Pope

STRASBOURG, France, Oct. 11, (Reuters): Northern Ireland Protestant leader the Reverend Ian Paisley was dragged from the European Parliament today as he yelled "anti-Christ" during a speech by Pope John Paul.

Waving a banner reading "John Paul 11 anti-Christ", Paisley, a member of the 518-seat Parliament, stood up and started shouting as soon as the Pope began his address.

Warned

The hard-line Protestant politician was warned twice by Lord Henry Plumb, President of the Parliament, to stop the disturbance and then ordered to leave the debating chamber.

Fighting broke out as he was dragged out. Paisley later told reporters that members had "punched and hammered" him. "I renounce you... and all your cults and creeds," Paisley shouted to the Pope before his voice was drowned out by other parliamentarians.

He told reporters he had been quoting the words of Thomas Cranmer — the first Protestant

Archbishop of Canterbury who was executed as a heretic in the 16th century — that the Pope was the enemy of Christ and the anti-Christ.

Paisley, who warned yesterday that he planned to protest against the Pope's visit, made a similar scene during a visit here by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Paisley said all members of Parliament should have been consulted before the Pope was invited to speak and insisted on his right to make a protest.

He attacked the Pope in a statement, saying he had sent crucifixes to Irish Republican Army (IRA) hunger strikers in Northern Ireland where Paisley is a staunch supporter of British rule.

An opponent of the European Economic Community, although a member of the European Parliament, Paisley said the Pope was trying to make the community an overwhelmingly Roman Catholic union.

"The Pope has been brought (to the European Parliament) to be honoured in a special way to

emphasise that the EEC is overwhelmingly a confederacy of Roman Catholic nations," he said in the statement.

Faithful

Irish deputy Sean Flanagan described Paisley after his outburst as "a disgrace to the institution."

During Paisley's 45-second outburst, the Pope stood at the lectern, looking bemused and smiling faintly. Other members of Parliament sitting close to Paisley threw their order papers at him.

"Mr Paisley, Mr Paisley, I call you to order and I ask you to stop this disturbance... for the second time Mr Paisley, I call you to order and I ask you to respect the dignity of this house," Plumb said.

Amid applause from other members, headed: "Mr Paisley, I now expel you from this house."

The Pope, on the final day of a four-day visit to eastern France, then resumed his speech on the theme of a unified, Christian Europe.

Polls show Bush and Dukakis are too close

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11, (AP): Four weeks before the US presidential election, the race between George Bush and Michael Dukakis is too close to call, the latest nationwide polls say.

But a survey by the Los Angeles Times drew one definite conclusion that Bush's running mate Dan Quayle is having a distinctly deleterious effect on the ticket's prospect for victory.

The poll, issued yesterday, showed the Bush-Quayle ticket leading Dukakis and Sen. Lloyd Bentsen 44-41. When asked to treat Bush and Dukakis as if they were running alone, the respondents picked Bush over Dukakis 48 per cent to 39 per cent.

The survey's margin of error of five percentage points means that no definitive determination can be made as to which ticket is more popular.

Feeling

In an ABC News-Washington Post poll, Bush had 50 per cent to 47 per cent for Dukakis. That survey also had a five-point margin of error.

The poll, in an effort to assess the Quayle "drag" among the electorate, found that two per cent of all voters supported Dukakis only because of their negative feelings about Quayle, and six per cent said Quayle was the "major" reason for supporting Dukakis.

Opponents say Quayle, a senator from Indiana, is too inexperienced to assume the presidency and questions have

been raised about whether he joined a state militia in order to avoid military service in the Vietnam war.

Yesterday, Bush and Dukakis continued to prepare for their second and final televised debate on Thursday.

Proposal

Bush, meanwhile, again accused Dukakis of being more concerned about the fate of criminals than about that of victims of crime, while Dukakis offered a proposal aimed at easing the financial strains for first-time home buyers.

Bush proposed yesterday to increase criminal penalties and give victims an expanded role in criminal proceedings. He also said convicted criminals should have to pay higher fines that would go to the victims as restitution.

"I think there is something very wrong when there is so much sympathy for criminals and very little left over for victims," Bush said.

Dukakis, who has accused Bush of favouring the rich and ignoring the plight of the less well-off, proposed a programme under which home buyers would be allowed to take up to \$10,000 out of retirement accounts to use as down payments.

Federal law allowed deferring the payment of income taxes on interest that such accounts earn as long as the money is not withdrawn. The Dukakis proposal would allow the money to be taken out for home down payments without a tax penalty.

Petition by Indira assassin dismissed

NEW DELHI, Oct. 11, (AP): The Supreme Court today dismissed an appeal by a Sikh sentenced to death for his part in the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

A panel of three judges said it found "no merit to entertain the petition" of Kehar Singh, one of the two Sikhs sentenced to death by hanging for Mrs Gandhi's murder.

The court also dismissed a petition by Pratap Singh, a Sikh doctor, who said the conviction was deceitful because no autopsy was performed on Mrs Gandhi's body.

The rulings followed arguments by Kehar Singh's lawyer, Ram Jethmalani, who said there was no evidence linking his client with the prime minister's assassination.

Kehar Singh, a former government employee, had filed the petition challenging an Aug 3 judgement by the Supreme Court to uphold the death sentence issued by the trial court and approved by the Delhi High Court.

Meanwhile, a city magistrate yesterday ordered police to investigate a complaint filed by Satwant Singh, who said he was fired at by other security men at Mrs Gandhi's residence after he was dismissed.

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change for the better without a return to normality.

"He is saying, 'Trust me, support me, but go home. Your message has been heard, but no more of this,'" one Western diplomat said.

Only hours before Benjedid spoke in his first public appearance since the riots began a dozens of people were killed or wounded in the slums of Algiers when a Muslim fundamentalist march, backed by angry youths, was dispersed by the Army.

Saudi Arabia has expressed its support for Algeria in the face of what it termed acts of sabotage in the country shaken by riots over the past week.

The official Saudi Press Agency SPA said today King Fahd telephoned Algerian President Benjedid the previous night to discuss the situation in Algeria after "acts of sabotage which were carried out by irresponsible elements."

Damaged

In London, British police said today that a suspicious fire had damaged the entrance of the Algerian consulate in London.

It was not immediately known whether the incident was linked to rioting over austerity measures in Algeria.

In Paris, former Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella said yesterday that Muslim fundamentalists were being wrongly blamed for promoting nearly a week of rioting across Algeria.

He told French television the real cause of the past week's troubles was an abrupt break between the people and a "clique of colonels" he said had ruled the country since his own deposition in 1965.

"A lot has been said about fundamentalists in the last few days, but I think a picture is being painted which is completely different from what is really going on," said Ben Bella, who still has close links to Algeria.

Angola and Cuba insist on 30-month timetable for Cuban pullout

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 11, (Agencies): Declaring they have shown "maximum flexibility," Angola and Cuba say they will insist on a 30-month timetable for the withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola while supporting a US-backed plan for Namibian independence beginning Nov 1.

"A 30-month timetable is the limit of our concession," Angola's ambassador to the United Nations, Manuel Pedro Pacavira, said yesterday.

Pacavira said earlier that Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker proposed that the Cuban withdrawal be carried out within 24 months, a schedule accepted by South Africa in meetings among officials from the United States, Angola, South Africa and Cuba in New York over the weekend.

Insist

The New York Times reported yesterday that the four parties agreed that Cuban troops should be withdrawn within 24 to 30 months.

But echoing his Angolan ally, Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Ricardo Alarcon said: "We insist on 30 months. We have shown maximum flexibility. It's up to the other side now."

Angola and Cuba previously demanded a four-year timetable for the withdrawal of the estimated 50,000 Cuban troops in Angola.

The South African Broadcasting Corp., in its evening broadcast yesterday, quoted Foreign Ministry Director General Neil Van Heerden as saying there was slow progress at the three days of talks in New York that ended on Sunday, but that the target date of Nov 1 for a final deal remained unchanged.

Assure

Alarcon said Cuba wants an orderly withdrawal and future US-mediated negotiations should work out an "acceptable formula that will assure the security of the Angola government."

Crocker has been mediating the four-way talks for implement-

tation of UN Security Council Resolution 435, which calls for South Africa to end its 73-year occupation of neighbouring Namibia and allow its independence.

The United States and South Africa have linked Namibian independence to the removal of Cuban troops from Angola, where the government has fought a 12-year civil war against guerrillas supported by South Africa and the United States.

Pacavira denied there was an agreement on an exact timetable for the Cuban withdrawal. He called the weekend meeting "merely consultative" to prepare for the talks in Brazzaville, Congo, later this month.

"I am not in the position to say whether we are far or near an agreement," Pacavira said. "For us the withdrawal is a gesture from the sovereign governments of Angola and Cuba to facilitate a solution to a problem that is the responsibility of the international community."

Timetable

In Zurich, South African President P.W. Botha said today the timetable for withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola remains undecided, although the broad principles of an agreement for peace in southern Africa are in place.

Botha, in Switzerland on a private visit, told reporters press reports from New York that 50,000 Cuban soldiers could withdraw from Angola between 24 and 30 months from now were premature.

"Our representatives did not go to New York to reach an agreement there," he said. "It was a fact-finding delegation, and they will have to report back to the South African government. Then we can take the necessary decisions."

Discussions in New York among Angola, Cuba and South Africa on peace in Angola and independence for Namibia were suspended on Sunday to allow delegations to consult with their governments.

Environmentalists share 'alternative Nobel prize'

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 11, (Reuters): Brazilian and Malaysian environmentalists and a British housing expert were today named as winners of the Right Livelihood Award, dubbed the "alternative Nobel prize."

The ecology-oriented Right Livelihood Society, based on Britain's Isle of Man but with a staff in Stockholm, has awarded the prize each year since 1980 "for practical and exemplary solutions to real problems of today."

Changed

Sahabat Alam, Malaysian branch of the environmentalist group Friends of the Earth, receives the award for its struggle to save tropical forests in Sarawak.

It shares the \$100,000-prize with Brazilian Jose Lutzenberger and Briton John Turner.

Lutzenberger resigned from the chemical industry to start an

environmentalist movement in Latin America.

Turner was cited for books and articles on social and cultural aspects of housing said to have changed housing policies in many countries.

A special honorary award went to Danish physician Inge Kemp Genckef, founder of Copenhagen's International Rehabilitation Centre for torture victims.

One of last year's winners was Israeli nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu, jailed for leaking secrets about Israel's nuclear programme.

The prizes were founded by Swedish-German millionaire Jacob Von Uexkull who sold a valuable stamp collection to finance them.

They are presented at a ceremony in Sweden's Parliament on Dec 9, one day ahead of the Nobel prize presentation gala.

Field is wide open for Nobel literature prize

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 11, (Reuters): Sweden's Academy of Letters will announce the 1988 winner of the Nobel literature prize on Thursday, ending the annual wait for an unusually wide field of candidates.

The academy, guardian of the world's premier literary award, said today the winner would be announced according to tradition on the stroke of 1200 GMT in its headquarters above the stock exchange in the Swedish capital.

An official list of candidates for the award is never revealed. This year's prize is worth 2.5 million crowns (\$390,000).

But Swedish cultural reporters and editors, usually the recipients of well-informed leaks ahead of the announcement, were giving nothing away.

Records

"I really have no idea this year. It is unusually hard to tell," said Hakan Jansson, journalist with the Stockholm tabloid Aftonbladet, the paper with one of the best records for tipping the winner.

His colleagues on the other major Swedish papers said they were also unable to suggest the winner.

The academy, an 18-member

assembly of Swedish authors and academics, has no official selection policy. History shows that it likes to spread its favours, encompassing varying styles, languages and cultures.

Its internal selection process includes fierce bargaining sessions, with members "selling" their votes in exchange for support in later years for their own favourite candidates.

This process means that some names appear year after year.

Reduces

Some of the long-standing front-runners include Mexican diplomat-poet Octavio Paz, his compatriot Carlos Fuentes, Czech novelist Milan Kundera, South Africa's Nadine Gordimer and Trinidad-born Briton V.S. Naipaul.

Last year's winner was Soviet emigre poet and essayist Joseph Brodsky, which reduces the likelihood of Paz or any other poet winning this year, literary sources said.

Other names tipped to be in contention include South African dissident novelist Andre Brink, regarded in France and the United States as one of South Africa's major dissident novelists.



Over 30,000 workers demonstrate in the yard of the Boris Kidric Steelworks in Niksic in Yugoslavia's Montenegro republic. (Reuters wirephoto)

Protests in Yugoslavia

Unrest wanes in tense Montenegro

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Oct. 11, (AP): Unrest in the southern republic of Montenegro appeared on the wane today, a day after communist rulers put more police on the streets of its capital, Titograd, and imposed "urgent measures."

Protests have swept much of southern and eastern Yugoslavia in recent weeks, fuelled by ethnic tensions, 217-per cent inflation, 15-per cent unemployment and a \$21-billion foreign debt.

Police used violent tactics over the weekend to disperse Montenegrin students and workers demanding dismissal of local Communist Party leaders, who were blamed for a decline in living standards.

But the unrest that persisted yesterday in Titograd, the capital of Montenegro 280 miles (450 kilometres) southwest of Belgrade, appeared to abate later.

Pledged

About 2,800 striking steelworkers pledged to return to work today. They had led about 15,000 people in a rally yesterday at Niksic, 30 miles (50 kilometres) north of Titograd, the state news agency Tanjug reported.

Tanjung said 1,000 construction workers also called off a strike yesterday after local party leaders promised to consider their demands.

A member of Montenegro's ruling presidium, Radivoje Bradjovic, told a rally in Titograd in an emotional address that he was resigning, and the regional party leadership held an emergency meeting.

Meanwhile, university students in Titograd vowed to

continue a cafeteria boycott in seeking replacement of Montenegrin police chief Lazar Djodjic, who they blamed for orders to disperse protesters on Saturday with tear gas and clubs.

Yugoslavia is made up of six republics and two autonomous provinces each with its own government and Communist Party structure. It is a nation of numerous ethnic groups.

Predominant among the ethnic tensions is the relationship between Christian Slavs and Muslim Albanians in the country's most impoverished region, the province of Kosovo inside the Serbian republic.

The central committee of Serbia has convened a session today to discuss Slobodan Milosevic's policy in search of greater control of Kosovo and Serbia's other province, Vojvodina.

Milosevic, the Serbian Communist Party leader, seeks to change the constitution to protect Slavs in Kosovo, where Serbs and Montenegrins say they are persecuted by the majority Albanians.

Kosovo and Vojvodina are nominally autonomous provinces. But last week, Milosevic managed to have the entire leadership of Vojvodina removed. And observers said a similar fate could be in store for the Kosovo leadership as it meets later this week.

They said the real test for Milosevic's political skill will come at the session of the central committee of Yugoslavia, when his opponents will get the national platform to air their views.

Palestinians call a wildcat strike

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank, Oct. 11, (AP): Israeli troops snatched the body of a refugee camp youth, who was shot to death by soldiers, in the midst of a funeral procession by angry mourners today, Palestinians responded by calling a wildcat strike.

Army jeeps were seen forcing a red van carrying the body of Nazem Abu Juda to drive away after the procession by about 100 Palestinians through this biblical city turned into a stone-throwing melee.

Enraged youths also hurled firebombs at soldiers, and troops fired rubber bullets and live ammunition in the air to disperse the crowd.

Arab witnesses said soldiers shot a 19-year-old man in the side with a plastic bullet during the disturbance. The Army confirmed one man was wounded. At least five people were arrested.

Residents and officials at the nearby Dheisheh refugee camp said 18-year-old Abu Juda, who lived in the camp, died early today after being shot in the head with a plastic bullet in a Sept 28 clash with soldiers in which two other people were wounded.

Spread

News of the death quickly spread in the camp after Palestinians keeping a watch outside Juda's room at Jerusalem's Mukassas Hospital took the body to Dheisheh, nine kilometres (six

miles) south of Jerusalem, minutes after the youth died.

Mosque loudspeakers called on residents to participate in funeral services and to pay tribute to the family of the "martyr" whose body was hidden away from soldiers.

The Army responded almost immediately by declaring a curfew on the camp near Bethlehem, and closing all entrances.

At the main gate, dozens of jeeps and trucks and dozens of troops were seen standing guard, searching cars and stopping them from going either in or out of the camp. Two military helicopters hovered overhead.

Many Palestinian youths were seen crawling under the camp fences to escape into Bethlehem, where Abu Juda's body was apparently taken before the curfew.

Large

An Army spokesman, who is not identified under regulations, said the body was taken to halt a large demonstration. He said it would be returned "at a time when we know it would not cause disturbances in Bethlehem."

After the incident, hundreds of Palestinians, some of them masked youths, milled about the streets of Bethlehem, telling merchants to close their businesses and ordering cars off the roads in a makeshift protest strike. Dozens of Palestinian flags were flying from electricity wires.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Eiffel Tower

PARIS, Oct. 11, (AP): Strikers closed down the Eiffel Tower for the fourth straight day today as personnel of France's most famous tourist attraction pushed for higher pay.

A meeting yesterday with management failed to reach agreement, the strike committee said in a statement.

Autonomy talks

ABU DHABI, Oct. 11, (Reuters): Guerrillas fighting the Ethiopian government said today they would not attend peace talks unless they went beyond discussion of autonomy for the northern province of Eritrea.

Ahmed Al Haj Ali, representative of Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) in Abu Dhabi, was commenting on an Ethiopian offer of talks to end the 20-year-old guerrilla war.

"We reject the offer because the discussion will not go beyond autonomy for Eritrea," he told Reuters.

Country music

NASHVILLE, Oct. 11, (AP): Hank Williams Jr won two Country Music Association awards last night, including entertainer of the year for the second straight year, upsetting favoured Randy Travis, who won as best male vocalist.

Williams, son of the late Hank Williams, also won Album of the Year for "Born to Boogie" in the nationally televised presentation of the 22nd annual ceremony at the Grand Ole Opry house.

Iranian floods

NICOSIA, Oct. 11, (Reuters): One person was killed and livestock lost when floods hit 11 villages in northwest Iran on the Soviet border yesterday, Iran's IRNA news agency reported today.

The agency, said farmland, homes and shops were damaged by the floods in the Bilesavar and Chaga districts.

Accidents

NAIROBI, Oct. 11, (AP): A speeding truck plunged into a river near Lake Victoria and a crowded bus overturned in northern Tanzania, killing a total of 15 people and seriously injuring 17 others, Radio Tanzania reported today.

Eleven people died when the bus went out of control and overturned on Saturday in the Kilimanjaro region north of the capital Dar Es Salaam, according to the state-run radio monitored in Nairobi.

Blood-clotting agent

LONDON, Oct. 11, (Reuters): British scientists said today they had started treating haemophiliacs with a synthetic blood-clotting agent after research that could eventually lead to a cure for the disease.

Dr Peter Kernoff, director of the haemophilia unit at London's Royal Free Hospital, said the development of a genetically-engineered factor eight — the substance that causes blood to clot — would solve a chronic worldwide shortage.

Girl jailed

LARNACA, Oct. 11, (AP): A 17-year-old Brazilian girl of Lebanese descent was sentenced to four years imprisonment today for smuggling 295 grammes (104 ounces) of heroin.

State prosecutor Rallis Gahrhelides told the court Salwa Hambar confessed to the police she was paid \$1,500 by a Lebanese drug smuggler in Beirut to carry the heroin to Spain.

Last Temptation

SYDNEY, Oct. 11, (Reuters): Australian censors changed viewing rating of "The Last Temptation of Christ" today, allowing children over 15 to view the controversial film.

The films board of review found the film was in no sense blasphemous or flagrantly and deliberately offensive to Christian audiences.

Hirohito stable

TOKYO, Oct. 11, (AP): Emperor Hirohito, ailing since Sept 19, remained in stable condition for the sixth day today, the imperial household agency said.

The 87-year-old Emperor's fever stood at 37.2 C (99 F) today, unchanged from Monday morning, according to Kenji Maeda, a palace spokesman.

The Emperor's normal temperature is about 35.5 C (95.9 F).

Western Sahara

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 11, (Reuters): Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar will name a special representative for Western Sahara this week, he told reporters. The appointment was authorised by the Security Council in a resolution adopted on September 20.

The special representative would oversee a ceasefire and referendum in the former Spanish territory, whose rule by Morocco has been opposed for the past 12 years by guerrillas of the Polisario Front.

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Mubarak opens new opera house in Cairo

CAIRO, Oct 11, (UPI): Fireworks lit up the night sky as Cairo celebrated the opening of its new opera house — a \$40 million-structure built by Japan on a River Nile island as a token of Japanese-Egyptian friendship.

President Hosni Mubarak and about 1,200 foreign and Egyptian guests watched the gala opening ceremony last night, featuring an East-and-West mixture of Japanese Kabuki theatre, Egyptian national and sentimental songs and the finale of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

The new complex, including a main auditorium and two smaller theatres, replaced a defunct opera house which has been built in 1869 to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal but was destroyed by fire in 1971.

Dream
"A dream come true" was the reaction of many critics and intellectuals, but some lambasted the opening programme for being predominantly non-Egyptian, while others objected to the high entry prices.

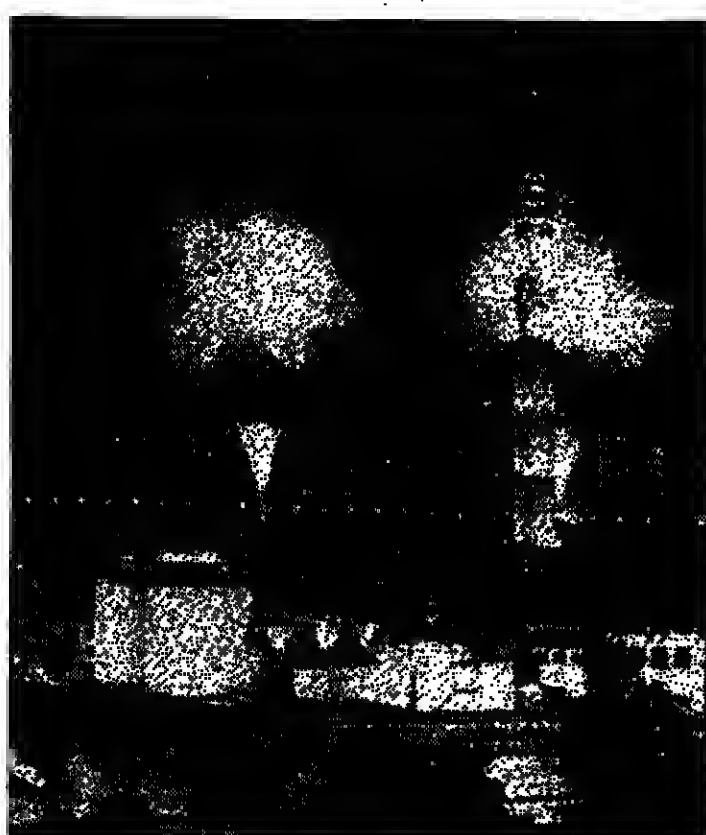
Musical hands, sword- and torch-bearers welcomed Mubarak when he arrived at Giza island in central Cairo where the domed, cream-coloured structure was built by the Japanese over the past four years and fitted with state-of-the-art equipment.

After unveiling a memorial plaque, Mubarak, and about 1,200 guests, sat down to watch a Japanese Kabuki troupe present a performance for the first time in the Middle East and Africa.

Kabuki is a form of Japanese drama dating back to the 17th century, with male actors performing all roles, usually in a restrained form ranging from pantomime to dance and song.

The visiting troupe of 15 actors, led by the celebrated Tomijuro Nakamura, and 15 musicians, performed a play depicting the plight of three political exiles banished to a "devil's island" for anti-government conspiracy.

Japanese sources confirmed that although Kabuki art was performed many times outside Japan, mainly in Europe and the United States, this was its first presentation anywhere in the Middle East or Africa.



Fireworks cascade over Cairo's new opera house inaugurated by President Hosni Mubarak. (Reuters wirephoto)

Burma's rulers purge civil servants

BANGKOK, Oct 11, (Reuters): Hundreds of Burmese civil servants have been arrested or sacked as the authorities consolidate power three weeks after staging a bloody military coup, diplomats and opposition figures said today.

They also said opposition parties set up to contest promised elections were being harassed by Army personnel to stop them recruiting new members.

The sources, contacted by telephone in Rangoon, said the purge involved high-ranking government workers accused of supporting pro-democracy demonstrations and strikes which sparked the Sept 18 coup.

Top officials
"In the last week more than 1,000 have been arrested or sacked in Rangoon. A lot of them are director-generals which means the highest civil servant rank below the political level," said one Western diplomat.

They included the director-general of communications and of ports, and the medical director and director of the electricity corporation of the northeastern city of Taunggyi, which saw some of the bloodiest clashes.

A top pilot of the state airline Burma Airways and 18 officials at the Burma Broadcasting Service were also dismissed after supporting the drive to end 25 years of single-party socialist rule, the sources said.

"The picture is entirely clear that an interim government preparing for democratic elections is systematically sacking those who took part in the peaceable movement to press for such elections," one Western diplomat said.

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Mujahedeen control Kunar province

Afghan city falls to rebels

ISLAMABAD, Oct 11, (AP): A spokesman for an Afghan guerrilla group said today that Muslim rebels have captured Asadabad, a provincial capital, after a month-long siege.

Details of the capture, which gives rebels control of the entire northeastern Afghanistan Kunar province, were sketchy, said Asim Nasser Zia, a spokesman for the National Islamic Front of Afghanistan.

Afghan troops began evacuating Asadabad last week, preparing for its fall, said Faez Akbar, a representative of the Afghan information and documentation centre in Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar.

Kunar province hugs the border with Pakistan and is a strategic link to Afghanistan's north.

Its capture opens a northern route to the Afghan capital of Kabul and gives guerrillas access to the eastern city of Jalalabad.

Asadabad, known among Afghans as Chaghaserai, is about 20 kilometres from the Pakistan border and 160 kilometres northeast of Kabul.

Nasser Zia said the guerrillas do not expect retaliatory action by Soviet or Afghan troops because guerrillas control the Kunar valley, making it costly to attempt to regain the capital.

Government convoys "would be picked off by mujahedeen like sitting ducks," said Nasser Zia.

Garrisons
In addition to capturing Asadabad, guerrillas also overran a number of government garrisons, said Mohammad Ishaq, a member of the rebel group Hezb-e-Islami.

Pashad, a problem garrison for mujahedeen, also fell during the fighting, he said.

Afghan troops "at Pashad indiscriminately shelled the area causing a great number of casualties among civilians and mujahedeen," Ishaq said. Pashad, several kilometres south of Asadabad.

In addition to Asadabad, the guerrillas now boast control of Sharan, the southeastern Pak-tika provincial capital, Toloan, the northeastern Takhar province and the central Bamyan provincial centre.

Sharan and Asadabad have been captured within the last two weeks.

US-backed mujahedeen have been waging a 10-year war with the Soviet-backed government in Kabul. The Soviets agreed this year to withdraw their troops, which have been in Afghanistan since 1979.

Half of the estimated 100,300 troops were withdrawn by mid-August, according to the United Nations. But Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said last month that the withdrawal was being halted pending investigation of violations of the agreement.

A fleet of military vehicles, a helicopter, a tank and five million Afghanis (\$28,000) are among the spoils that fell to Muslim guerrillas who captured an eastern Afghan garrison, a resistance spokesman said on Monday.

"The commander was so excited about the spoils that he didn't say anything about the regime (Kabul government) troops," said Nasser Zia. The news came in a hastily written note brought to the Pakistani capital by returning rebels, he said.

The victors had thought they were taking a small and relatively insignificant garrison in the sub-district of Gairu, about 104 km west of the Pakistan border, he said. Rebel commanders reported the area fell to guerrillas late last week.

Since co-ordination between rebel groups inside Afghanistan has solidified, the practice has been to divide the spoils among commanders, with the largest groups in the area getting the biggest share, said Nasser Zia.

He said the \$28,000 instant wealth by Afghan standards, likely would have been used by government troops to bribe the guerrillas. It's not unusual for harassed government troops to try to buy a ceasefire with rebels in their area, said Nasser Zia.

Nine rebels were killed taking the garrison. Nothing was said of the casualties suffered by the government or whether guerrillas captured the garrison or Afghan troops evacuated it, he said.

US to pay \$500m for keeping bases in Philippines

MANILA, Oct 11, (AP): US and Filipino officials have reached a tentative agreement under which Washington would provide a \$500 million compensation package for use of its six bases here, three newspapers reported today.

A Filipino source told the Associated Press on Monday that the two sides had finished reviewing an agreement governing US bases, and an agreement lasting through 1991 was possible within a week.

"It's over. An agreement is possible within a few days, maybe within a week's time," said the source.

"There was compromise on both sides," said the source, who is involved in the talks. He said both panels were working on the wording of the agreement.

In April, US and Philippines panels began talks on the status of Clark Air Base, the Subic Bay Naval Base and four smaller installations in the Philippines. However, the talks stalled over compensation and other issues.

Payment
The United States now pays about \$180 million a year for the bases. The Filipino panel reportedly demanded up to \$1.2 billion annually for the final two years of the agreement.

The source gave no details of the tentative agreement. But three Manila newspapers — The Journal, Businessworld and Malaya, said today that the US has agreed to provide \$456 million in economic support, military assistance and commodities, mostly wheat.

In addition, the newspapers said the United States would provide unspecified loans, which the Philippines could use to purchase US Treasury bonds. The bonds would be used to retire some of the country's \$28 billion foreign debt.

Malaya said the total package, including cash, assistance and loans, would amount to more than \$500 million a year.

Businessworld quoted an unnamed source as saying US negotiators were "highly resistant" to the \$1.2 billion figure because US Secretary of State George Shultz publicly branded Filipino demands "out of bounds."

Iran holds exhibition in Moscow

NICOSIA, Oct 11, (Reuters): Iran has opened its first exhibition in the Soviet Union since the 1979 Islamic revolution, the Iranian news agency IRNA said today.

About 200 industrial products went on show in Moscow yesterday in a bid to boost trade with the Soviet Union, the agency said.

IRNA said Iranian and Soviet officials speaking at the opening ceremony expressed interest in expanding trade between the two neighbouring countries.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran attaches great importance to relations with countries which respect Iran's sovereignty," IRNA quoted Hussein Khababaz, the head of Iran's export promotion centre, as saying.

Iran and the Soviet Union exchanged goods worth \$253 million in 1987, and the volume of trade is expected to rise to \$350 million this year, according to Iran's Chamber of Commerce magazine.

Iranian officials have said ties with the Soviet Union, strained by Moscow's arms supplies to Iraq, would improve after a UN-brokered ceasefire ended fighting in August in the eight-year-long Iran-Iraq war.

Indian novelist dies in US

ST. LOUIS, Oct 11, (AP): A funeral was held yesterday for Bhabani Bhattacharya, an internationally known novelist and professor, who died a day earlier at age 81 after a heart attack.

The body was cremated. Bhattacharya, born in Bihar, India, was educated in England, receiving a doctoral degree from the London School of Economics.

He served as press attaché at the Indian Embassy in Washington and was an editor of The Illustrated Weekly of India in the early 1950s in Bombay. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, he was a visiting professor at Harvard University.

His novels, written in English and translated into 28 languages, focussed on social and economic trends in India. Among the novels were "A Goddess of Gold," "He Who Rides the Tiger," "Music for Mohini," and "So Many Hungers." His last novel "A Dream in Hawaii," was published in 1972.

Flood waters recede in Pakistan

LAHORE, Oct 11, (AP): Flood waters receded in eastern Pakistan today after doing an estimated \$277 million worth of damage, officials said.

Five swollen rivers which had overflowed and caused the worst flooding here in recent memory were finally draining into the Indus River, meteorologists reported. They said the Indus was expected to be able to carry most of the excess water safely to the Indian Ocean.

Official figures released by the government put the death toll at 196 in Punjab province, but unofficial estimates indicated more than 300 people may have died.

Officials said the waters inundated 4,011 villages in the province, destroyed 71,127 homes and damaged 87,116 more.

Damage so far was estimated at about \$277 million, they said. The floods, caused by heavy rains on the northern subcontinent in late September, also caused widespread devastation in India and Bangladesh.

Pakistani relief agencies and the Army set up dozens of relief and rescue centers around the populous Punjab. Thousands of people were vaccinated against typhus and cholera but officials said no major outbreaks were reported.

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Sinhalese retaliate against peace accord

Blast hurts six in Colombo

COLOMBO, Oct 11, (AP): Three bombs exploded in the capital and injured at least six people today, a day after five people died during a nationwide strike protesting the government's peace overtures to Tamil rebels.

Authorities believe the bombs were planted by the People's Liberation Front, a radical Sinhalese group that called Monday's strike, said A. S. Senewiratne, deputy inspector-general of police.

"Troops and police cordoned off the area of the blasts and conducted search operations," Senewiratne said. "A number of suspects have been taken in for questioning."

Two bombs exploded in the business centre of Colombo, while a third went off near a supermarket in a suburb of the city, he said.

The People's Liberation Front says a peace accord aimed at ending the 5-year-old civil war grants too many concessions to the Tamils, who are fighting for an independent homeland in the northeastern province.

The group has vowed to kill all supporters of the accord and is blamed for at least 500 deaths since the agreement was signed on July 29, 1987.

Denial
Two bombs had exploded in Colombo on Monday during the strike, injuring four people, including two soldiers.

Five people died and four others were injured on Monday when police opened fire on a group of Sinhalese demonstrators who attacked a police station in the town of Matara, about 136 kms south of Colombo.

Meanwhile, the Liberation

Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the largest and most militant rebel group, said it was not responsible for the killing on Sunday of 47 Sinhalese villagers in a northern village.

"The aim of this malicious report is to discredit our organisation," said a statement from the Tigers' office in London.

The victims, including 13 women and 18 children, were killed while they slept in the village of Ulukulama, 240 kms northeast of Colombo. One military official had said the massacre was "clearly the work of the Tigers."

The killings were the worst burst of violence in the ethnically-divided island for the past year and came a day before nominations closed for local administrative council in the Tamil-dominated northeastern province closed.

Peres escapes attack in campaign violence

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 11, (Reuters): Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has escaped injury to a stone-throwing attack, as campaign violence surges three weeks ahead of Israeli elections.

An assailant hurled a stone at Peres's car before a rally in the Israeli industrial town of Kiryat Gat. It was the fourth disruption this week of a campaign trip by the leader of the centre-left Labour Party, a partner in the ruling coalition.

Witnesses said the stone damaged the car roof and the stone-thrower escaped in the dark. Peres ignored the incident, in his speech at the Kiryat Gat cultural centre.

Labour and the rightist Likud bloc of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir have blamed each other for the rising violence. The two parties, traditional rivals, formed a unity government after inconclusive elections in 1984.

After the Kiryat Gat attack, Likud appealed to police to identify and arrest the assailant.

Over the weekend, police

threatened to use teargas to break up a crowd of shouting Likud supporters who refused to let Peres speak. Afterwards, one man cursed Peres and splashed water in his face as police smuggled the minister out.

The campaign for the Nov 1 election has focused largely on how to achieve Middle East peace amid a 10-month-old Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories.

Labour and Likud are at odds over the peace issue. Labour supports convening an international Middle East peace conference and conceding occupied land for peace, both policies opposed by Likud.

Shamir, while urging supporters to exercise restraint, was also quoted by the Israeli press as saying of Peres: "What can someone who broke up the unity expect? Love?"

Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach Party, campaigning to expel the two million Arabs under Israeli rule, faced a high court hearing on whether to bar it from contesting the election.

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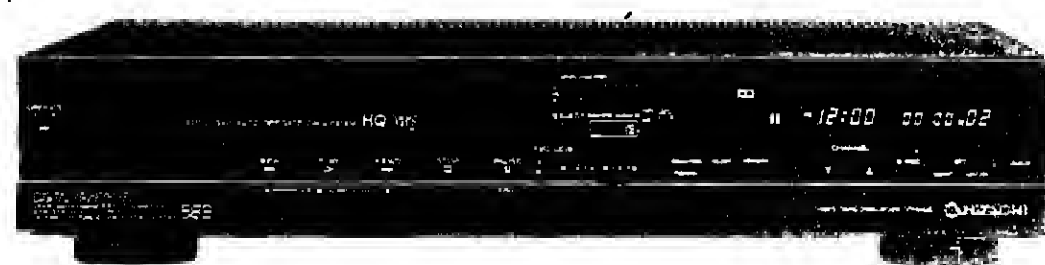
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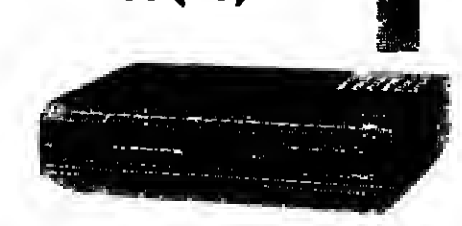
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Information ministers begin conference

JEDDAH, Oct. 11, (KUNA): Information ministers or their representatives from 44 Islamic states began their first conference here today to formulate a comprehensive and clear information strategy.

The secretary-general of the Organisation of Islamic Conference Shariuddin Pirzada has said that the Islamic world desperately needs a strategy to confront dangerous challenges which undermine its belief, culture, civilisation and key issues, topped by the Palestine cause.

Pirzada noted that the first Islamic Conference for Information Ministers, which was inaugurated by King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia, will call on all Muslims to stick together to overcome difficult circumstances.

King Fahd urged Islamic nations to give due attention to information and media as vehicles to enlighten other countries about Islamic causes and relay the benevolent message of Islam.

Iran is not attending the gathering apparently because of its political dispute with Saudi Arabia which led to the end of diplomatic relations between the two countries last April.

The Saudi monarch said he regrets Iran's absence and indicated that it was unwarranted since the conference was an Islamic and not a Saudi forum.

The Kuwaiti delegation to the meeting is headed by Minister of Labour and Social Affairs and Acting Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed and includes Information Undersecretary Abdel Aziz Ja'far, KUNA's Director-General and

Board Chairman Barges Hmoud Al Barges and his deputy Ahmad Dashti and other ministry and media personnel.

The Bahraini information minister visited Sheikh Nasser yesterday at his home in the conference centre. The two officials discussed the meeting's agenda and bilateral relations.

Sources at the conference told KUNA that during their two-day gathering, the ministers will discuss two documents from Saudi Arabia. The documents relate to the general perspective for the Islamic information strategy and upgrading the OIC's information plan.

The sources added that the ministers will also discuss a document submitted by Pirzada on the future Islamic information strategy.

Ministers reminded of the power of information

JEDDAH, Oct. 11, (KUNA): Kuwait's Acting Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed today reminded information ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Conference member states of the power of information based on Islam and of their responsibility to highlight the activities of the OIC.

The minister was addressing the opening session of the first conference of OIC information ministers who are gathering here to plan an Islamic information strategy and enhance the efforts of the member states towards that end.

The responsibility of the information ministers of the OIC is two-fold. They should help teach the new generation ideals of brotherhood and love and direct their energies towards creativity and progress while retaining

their religious values, Sheikh Nasser said.

The second responsibility of Islamic information ministers is to portray Islamic principles to the rest of the world and respond to accusations or attacks waged against Islam, Sheikh Nasser said.

Hope

The Kuwaiti official expressed pleasure at the inclusion of the address of HH the Amir of Kuwait, in whose name he was speaking today, to the 43rd session of the United Nations on Sept 28 as one of the documents of the conference.

He said he had no intention to analyse the document or the other four delivered by the previous four Islamic summit chairmen, but meant to refer to the positive sides of the address especially the proposals which

were welcomed by the world community.

The Amir's proposals to the United Nations were in essence Islamic principles for lowering debts and alleviating the suffering of the indebted nations and offering brotherly assistance, the minister said.

Sheikh Nasser, who is leading the Kuwaiti delegation to the conference, said information is not a reflection of the state of affairs but a hope.

"Let us know the truth and cooperate in drawing a picture of the aspirations and build bridges between the de facto situation of today and the hopes of tomorrow," he said.

The knowledge of others about information techniques will help the Muslims promote their means of information, he pointed out.



HH the Amir received yesterday at the Court of Higher Appeals, a number of new chancellors, who took their oaths before him.

Arab envoys defend Iraq

LONDON, Oct. 11, (KUNA): A group of Arab ambassadors here, including Ghazi Al Rayes of Kuwait, today repudiated the Western allegations about Iraq's use of chemical weapons.

Others attending the talks with British Foreign Office William Waldegrave were ambassadors of Saudi Arabia, Morocco, North Yemen, Iraq and the head of the Arab League office here.

The Foreign Office said that the envoys emphasised to Waldegrave that there is no evidence to support the accusations against Iraq.

During a meeting here on Sept 27, the Council of Arab Ambassadors condemned the Western campaign against Baghdad. The council also expressed surprise at the persistent allegations, despite repeated denials by Turkey and the International Red Cross that Iraq used chemical weapons against the Kurdish population.

In a statement issued at the end of their September session, the ambassadors said they decided to set up a committee to counter these allegations and to meet British officials to express their dismay and to denounce the campaign.

However following the 40-minute meeting with the envoys this afternoon, a spokesman for the Foreign Office said that Britain still believes that the UN should have been allowed to send a team to Iraq to investigate the allegations.

Waldegrave also said that Britain supports the US proposal for a meeting of the Geneva Protocol signatories to reinforce adherence to the accord.

Meanwhile, the minister noted the statement issued by Iraq's Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz on Sept 17. In the statement he stressed that Baghdad abides by international law and all agreements, including the 1925 Geneva Protocol banning the use of chemical weapons.

One killed, five hurt in accidents

ONE man died and five other persons including a woman and child were injured in 20 traffic accidents which occurred on Monday.

The man, identified as an Afghan national, was run over by a construction bulldozer at a work site in the Sharq area. He died instantly.

The capital governorate reported seven accidents, Jahra and Ahmadi each had five and there were three wrecks in Hawalli.

Sudan thanks Kuwait for aid

KUWAIT, Oct. 11, (KUNA): Sudanese Culture and Information Minister Abdullah Mohamed Ahmed has highly praised Sudanese-Kuwaiti relations and voiced his country's gratitude for Kuwait's assistance to Sudan.

In an interview with the local daily published here today, Ahmed said Sudan wants to further strengthen relations with Kuwait.

However, Ahmed was critical of the Arab-Sudanese relations in general.

"According to my own evaluation, I believe that Sudan's relations with the Arab countries are chilly in general. Further efforts by the Sudanese and Arab politicians are necessary to strengthen those ties in the interest of Arab and Islamic ambitions," the Sudanese minister was quoted as saying.

Ahmed accused foreign media of violating Sudan's laws by bringing in sophisticated equipment without the knowledge of the

Khartoum authorities. He said that a foreign news agency he did not name recently smuggled transmission equipment into the capital.

He explained that the Western countries are launching a hostile campaign against Sudan because of its Arab and Islamic drive.

Ahmed indicated that the Sudan had a huge oil reserve which has not yet been exploited.

He claimed that Sudan's crude reserve is equal to that in the entire oil-rich Gulf countries.

Insurgence
Ahmed accused the leader of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Movement John Garang of being a puppet for foreign powers. He said his government offered several peace initiatives, but all were unheeded by Garang.

"We are upgrading our Army and we deal firmly with all the elements of insurgence, but at the same time we extend a hand for peace and dialogue," he said.

Ministry adopts pavements plan

KUWAIT, Oct. 11, (KUNA): Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti announced today that the ministry has adopted a unified plan for building pavements in Kuwait.

In an exclusive interview with KUNA, Houti added that practical measures have been taken to prevent any conflict of powers between the services ministries.

The Ministry of Public Works also adopted a final system for classifying contractors to protect them, the minister said.

He asserted that the ministry finished a study of the general plan for administrative development in line with the comprehensive national plan.

Pavements will be built at public facilities, main and side roads and market places, the minister indicated.

The two-year project will cost about KD 8 million, he said. The project is part of the national afforestation plan.

The ministry wants to avoid previous defects in pavement works by following a new policy in this respect, the minister emphasised.

Houti said the defects included cave-ins because of loose ground underneath the pavements. The problem was caused by faulty work by contractors, he said.

The minister admitted shortcomings by the ministry's supervisors and contractors, but said these shortcomings were remedied.

He urged citizens to cooperate with the ministry to make the project a success.

He expressed regret that citizens prevent the ministry's labourers from removing old pavements in front of houses to replace them with new ones.

Groceries will be closed

BEGINNING next month, authorities will implement the Council of Ministers' decision to close groceries at private housing areas.

The Union of Co-operative Societies held a meeting of chairmen of local co-operative societies to discuss the ability of every co-operative society and its branches to provide services which will be needed after the closure of groceries.

7 arrested for selling alcohol

KUWAIT, Oct. 11, (KUNA): Police investigators of Al Ahmadi Governorate have arrested seven persons for brewing and selling alcoholic beverages at their home in the Wafrat area.

A press release by the ministry today said a Filipino who was arrested for selling a bottle for KD20 led the police to his Thai partners.

Telephone card system expanded

By Lima Al Khalalawi

THE magnetized telephone card system which became available in Kuwait in May 1987 has been expanded with the addition of telephones by the Ministry of Communications.

The ministry recently installed 14 additional public telephones which can be operated with the card.

The system has already been successful at telecommunications centres in Hawalli, Salamiya, Juleh Al Shiyookh, South Sabahya, Shuwaikh, Jahra and another three areas in Kuwait City, Fadel Abou Al Hasan, director of marketing and services assistance at the Ministry of Communications, said.

The system will save time and money, he said. Card holders will no longer have to wait in public call offices.

Card holders will also be able to take advantage of the new reduced prices for overseas calls which will go into effect in November.

Al Hasan said that the ministry issued magnetized cards at prices ranging from KD3 and KD5 to KD10. The cards are

available at all telecommunications centres.

The card expires when the caller uses up the total amount of the card. To insure that a call is not disconnected in the midst of a conversation, subscribers are advised to purchase a new card well in advance of the expiry of the card.

A tone will be heard and a flashing signal will be seen on the display screen before the card becomes invalid. If the caller wishes to continue his call without interruption, he can press a black button to insert the card.

Due to the efficiency of the service, the ministry is planning to install another 90 public telephones all over Kuwait and in co-operatives, Al Hasan said.

The ministry has also provided the service at the airport, on Fahad Al Salem Street and at the Ministries Complex, he said.

The system will help the man on the street and those who have no telephone at home, he said.

Al Hasan said that public telephone booths may be crowded in the evenings because many people are likely to use the phones after working hours.



The Arab Times Bingo No 66 winners received their prizes yesterday. From left are: Kavneet Sethi (first full house), Emmanuel D. Soans (second full house) and Jennifer D'Costa (four corners).

Tree Day celebrations planned

FINAL preparations are under way to celebrate "Tree Day and Greening Week," according to Abdul Mohsen Al Qallaf the director of the Parks and Afforestation Department at the Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Authority.

The celebrations will be held at the Shuwaikh Maio Celebrations site, as well as other locations in the country, the official said.

A special memorial monument will be erected on the occasion and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah will plant a tree, the official said.

Speaking to Al Rai Al Aam, the director said that the idea for the celebration stemmed from a nation-wide effort to landscape the State of Kuwait in response to directives of HH the Amir.

Exhibit
A special exhibition of old local agricultural and poultry-keeping techniques as well as representations of old Kuwaiti souks and buildings will also be featured.

Another special exhibit will feature the latest technologies in agriculture and food processing fields to provide visitors an idea of the produce of local companies.

Additionally, mini celebrations in the four governorates will be held. Leaflets, brochures and manuals will be distributed illustrating health, social and landscaping endeavours at the national level.

The Ministry of Education will publish special information programmes at schools and youth centres to highlight the significance the government attaches to growing trees and protecting vegetation.



Tomato plants in a new agricultural house with a cooling system and solar energy cells.

The Authority is distributing 350,000 seedlings free to residents during the first afforestation week which began on Monday and will last until Oct 20.

The seedlings are being provided at distribution centres in Omariya, Sabahya and Doha. Ten additional distribution centres have also been established.

The authority provided 17 types of trees to be distributed among residents, schools and establishments. Twenty-five trees per resident and 50 trees per establishment were provided.

The distribution will continue mornings and evenings until the end of the week.

Parks
Al Qallaf also said that the authority is sponsoring the construction of 23 new public parks in various locations. Construction of 14 of these will be completed by next November, he added.

In a related development, the

director general of the Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research (KISR), Dr Ahmad Ali Al Jassar inaugurated a new agricultural project to be executed in co-operation with experts from the Federal Republic of Germany.

The project is aimed at developing greenhouse agriculture techniques to suit arid climatic conditions prevailing in the region. The project is also expected to provide solutions to problems faced by the agricultural sector in Kuwait by using natural energy sources and brackish water.

The project will be implemented in three stages and will be completed in five years. The first stage which began last September included building agricultural houses and installing cooling systems on solar energy cells.

Compilation of data on humidity, temperature and speed of wind as well as consumption of water and electricity is in progress, according to the director general.



The Filipino and Thais who were caught brewing and selling liquor in Wafrat today.

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VIDEO CORNER

Rigor Mortis sets in and falls apart

By Gail Seery

I'VE been meaning to ask this question for a long time: how come movie detectives always drive around in beautiful cars? How come they're always flashy and poised and reckless? This time the car is a red convertible, and far too good for the likes of Roger Mortis and Doug Bigelow. Watch the first name — there will be a serious attempt at a play on words in the course of the film.

Dead Heat is not really worth seeing. I suppose it's a valiant attempt to find a new twist to the standard cops and robbers motif, but it degenerates into an excuse for long drawn out shooting sessions where nobody falls down for long, and not particularly astounding special effects.

Our two detectives are working on a series of excessively violent robberies, and manage to fell two of the thugs. These are, naturally enough, taken to the morgue. Here is another question for you. One was

blown up with his own hand-grenade, the other was crashed into at great speed by Mr Mortis driving a commandeered car: so how come the bodies are intact on the slab? Forget the question, there isn't an answer. Anyway the pretty coroner, Rebecca, whose main purpose in the film is to have nice hair, says that in fact the villains have been in the morgue before — and that she performed the autopsy herself and even has photographs to prove it.

"Is there anything else you find strange in these guys?" asks detective Mortis, as if that wasn't enough.

The trail takes them to Dante Pharmaceuticals (another in-joke) where Miss James, with an identical hair style to Rebecca, gives them an expurgated tour of the premises. Obviously, all is not as it seems, and Roger Mortis gets killed. Then we discover that what the baddies have been doing is bringing the dead back to life and using them to rob banks, jewellery stores, supply KTV

personnel etc. Rebecca and Doug bring Roger Mortis back to life, and then find that he will decompose in about 12 hours. Why? Because the director has to find something for the special effects department to do.

The film continues from major violent killer attack, to mindless violence and back, growing increasingly gruesome, with the baddies and goodies bearing less and less resemblance to the living as the film progresses. The stupidest thing in the film is a deadly attack from dead ducks etc in a Chinese delicatessen. "You're hurt!" Miss James tells Mortis solicitously. "I'm dead lady," he replies. "That doesn't mean you can be rude," she retorts. This is the nearest to profundity this film gets.

Then we have the gradual and spasmodic decomposing of Mortis' body. Another question, also without an answer: how come immediately after the gun battle, when Mortis looks in the mirror in the bath-

room, his bare torso has no bullet holes, and a little later, when being examined by Rebecca, whose hair is still perfect, he not only has bullet holes but is decomposing rapidly?

"Do you remember when we were training they used to tell us you can't be a good cop and a dead cop? Here's your chance to prove them wrong." Doug comforts him.

Then it turns out that Miss James is dead too, and to emphasise the point, does an instant decompose. Well, in the end, they get the baddy, Doug dies too, is also brought back to life and they walk off into the mist having shot anything that moves.

There are one or two quite nice scenes, like when Mortis climbs out of a body bag, obviously in an advanced stage of decay, and shows his warrant card to the traffic cop, who is totally terrified, but these are totally spoilt by other excesses within the film, like prolonged sequences of two dead people shooting each other, riddling

each other with bullet holes. By the end of the first ten minutes of the film this is already getting monotonous. I mean, how long and how many bullets does it take before a body would simply fall apart? That's certainly what the film does, from the opening moments onwards.

How can you kill someone whose already dead? This question does not seem to occur to the evil baddy who is bringing all these corpses to life. In an effort to avoid capture he takes a machine gun, which just happens to be lying around, and fires at the already sieve-like heroes.

Treat Williams plays Mortis, and looks better and better the more he decays, and Joe Piscopo, who partnered Danny DeVito in Wise Guys, is totally asinine as Doug. No-one should be broken hearted if they can't find a copy of this video. Just like the cops in the story, the film starts weak, dies completely, but staggers on anyway, decomposing rapidly.

Willis joins ranks of macho supermen

By Brian Hollis

BRUCE WILLIS shot to fame in the series Moonlighting, as a tough detective with a sense of humour. As a result his screen career has also taken off in a big way, with his first major roles in Blind Date and Sunset portraying him in comedy parts. However, it was only when he was cast in the tough guy role that he really hit the big time. Die Hard, in which he plays a tough cop alone against a terrorist group, topped the box office in the USA for several weeks this summer, and it looks as if Willis has joined the ranks of macho supermen alongside Stallone, Bronson, Eastwood and Schwarzenegger. Moreover Willis manages to carry it off with that mischievous charm which has won him millions of fans in Moonlighting. The (not very original) premise of Die Hard involves the terrorist takeover of the headquarters of a Japanese conglomerate in Los Angeles. These terrorists, however, are after ransom money and have devised an elaborate, cold hearted escape plan. Willis, a New York cop, accidentally gets involved when he comes to visit his estranged wife (Bonnie Bedelia) on Christmas Eve. Alan Rickman as the suave bad terrorist, and Alexander Godunov as his hot-headed number two, are good foils for Willis, and help raise Die Hard above the run of the

mill. While there are as many explosions and stunts as in any action picture, this at least has some style.

The acme of Tom Hulse's career was surely Amadeus, in which he played a madcap Mozart. Since then, in films such as Echo Park, and Stand and Deliver, he has hardly made any impression. In another new theatrical release, Dominick and Eugene, he plays the slow, mentally retarded, twin brother of Ray Liotta. Whilst Liotta is a graduate doctor, offered a fellowship at Stanford, his brother works on a garbage disposal truck. Yet both try to stay together in a world trying to tear them apart. As the plot develops we begin to understand that Hulse's condition is not hereditary, and that something happened to him as a child. When he sees a father maltreat his son and push him down a flight of stairs, long suppressed memories are reawakened; with potentially tragic consequences.

Bill Forsythe is a well known name in the British film industry due to the successes of his offbeat comedies Gregory's Girl and Local Hero. His first American film is Housekeeping, starring Christine Lahti and Sarah Walker, and like his previous efforts is full of atmosphere and lingering strangeness. The story is told by one of two sisters growing up in the Pacific Northwest. They never

knew their father and while they are very small, their mother kisses them goodbye and drives her car over a cliff into a lake. Madness seems to run in the family, and after a spell with various old and dithering relatives, they end up in the care of an aunt whose idea of housekeeping is odd to say the least. She stacks the house with old newspapers and polished empty food cans and generally feels the call of the bizarre and the nutty. One of the sisters reveals in it, the other feels threatened.

This is a delightful movie, full of low-key poetry and visual niceties. Lahti, as the nutty aunt, is one of the most quixotically lovable characters for a long time.

A Gathering of Old Men is a more serious movie which received wide acclaim when it was released recently in America. Beaux Brabant, a vicious white Cajun, lies shot dead in the yard of a black man, and it is only a matter of time before the lynch mob appears. Before it does, plantation heiress Holly Hunter spreads the word through the black community, ordering her negroes to take a stand and save the purported executioner played by Louis Gossett Jr. In a short time, 18 black over 70s are standing up to the blows of the barbed-wire sheriff (Richard Widmark), each vehemently claiming responsibility for the



Bruce Willis stars in Die Hard.

crime. Not surprisingly this causes something of a stir in the Cajun community, elements of which are thirsting for Negro blood. A Gathering of Old Men is a simple well told story about people who refuse to give up their dignity, even under extreme pressure. The whites are a bit shortchanged in the process and it is left wondering if (nearly) all Cajuns are racistist maniacs. However, this only detracts slightly from what is otherwise an extremely professionally crafted film. Yet another movie set in

rural America is A Killing Affair, starring Peter Weller. In the woods of the Appalachians, a woman takes in the man who has murdered her husband. He claims that the husband raped his wife and killed her, but the isolated setting of the house already tells us that there's a lot more blood and suspense in store.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI Fintar/Farwanis; Video Naut, Tel: 2432809; and Video Club, Salmiya, Tel: 5724372.

Sounds Great

AFTER their very successful Welcome Back/Welcome To Kuwait Dance Party at the Messiah Beach Hotel recently, at which 400 people attended, the "Sounds Great" Organisation announce that rehearsals are well under way for their next show which is a pop/rock musical to be presented at the Salmiya Cinema at 8 pm nightly from 19th to 22nd October, 1988.

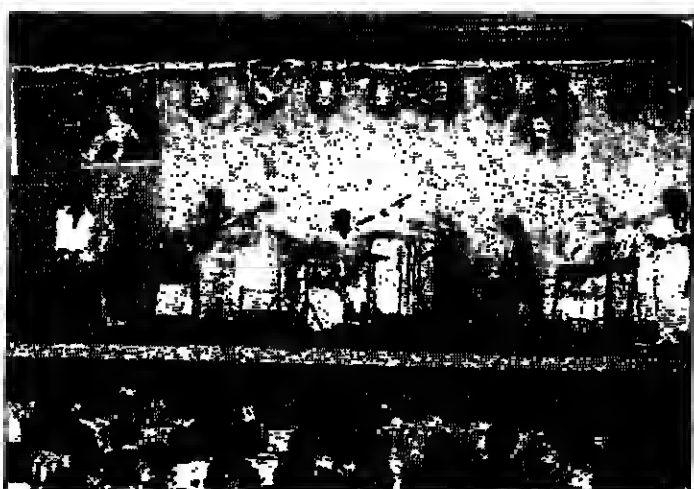
The show will feature the Jukebox Band for the first half of the evening, with talented June Woolston on keyboards & vocals, Phil Thomas on drums, Ammar Al Binni — lead guitar, Brian Mitchelson — rhythm guitar, Oliver Sequeira — bass guitar and Malcolm MacDonald — saxophone & keyboards.

The second half of the evening will feature top ranks with their very popular lead singer Adolf, other vocalists include Nathalie Asphard, Qariba Louis, Prince Jayaratnam, Agnello Fernandes, and newcomer Carrie Dowsett. Choreography is by Mandy Martin and Nacab Hameed, and one of the highlights of the show will be "THRILLER" in which Nacab dances the Michael Jackson role.

Ken Winston, the producer, who is well known for his Jukebox shows, says that this time the show will feature the two bands on stage, which is different from Jukebox when the band was in the orchestra pit. Tickets are going well, and seats can be reserved by ringing 5740256/7; 5758870; or 5718143.



Carrie Dowsett who will be making her singing debut in Kuwait, at the "Sounds Great" pop/rock musical, Carrie is a student at the Gulf English School and is studying for her GCSE examinations.



The Jukebox Band featuring talented June Woolston, Phil Thomas, Ammar Al Binni, Brian Mitchelson, Oliver Sequeira, and Malcolm MacDonald.

WHAT'S ON

THEATRE

Rock the Night
SHORTLY: Auditions for male singers of Sounds Great rock concert due to be held on Nov 23/24. Tel: Montazer — 5740256/7

KLT
OCT 31-NOV 3: KLT's comedy, Two and Two Make Six, directed by Steve Prescott. Gala show with dinner at 8 pm on Oct 31. Subsequent shows at 8.15 pm on Nov 1/2/3. Tickets

— KD 3. For reservations ring 3983724 after 6.30 pm.

Bengali Play
OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm. Mousetrap Theatre. The Mousetrap Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents "Ballad Purer Rupkatha, a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim — 2627643; Dr Hyder — 5625456; Heron — 4893424.

Sounds Great
OCT 19-22: Seats can now be reserved for the Sounds Great Pop-Rock Musical to be performed at the Salmiya Cinema from Oct 19-22. Reservations by ringing 5740256/7; 5758870.

5718143. Tickets must be collected from Salmiya Cinema box office by Friday, Oct 14. Tickets also available from the box office nightly from 5-9 pm from Oct 8.

Mousetrap Theatre
OCT 19/20: Mousetrap Theatre, 8 pm: a piano recital by Thalia Myers. The pianist will also conduct two master classes for experienced musicians and amateurs on Oct 17 and 18 from 4-6 pm. Tickets for the concert available from New English School, 8 am to 1 pm. 4 - 6 pm. Tel: 5310600; 5318061.

Kuwait Singers
SATURDAY/MONDAY: 7.30 pm: Rehearsals for the December concert at Gulf English School, Salwa. New members welcome. For enquiries call 3940770 ext. 56 or 5384873.

Beat Show
OCT 14: IAC, Funatees, 3.30 pm: The Kuwait Goan Beat Show: four-hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin

and Top Ranks, choreography by Nacab and Qariba; break-dance by Fernandes Boys. Kuwait Goans production. For details phone 2413348.

IAC Musical Nite
OCT 13: IAC, Funatees, Punjabi, Tamil and Malayalam film songs will be presented by local vocalists. For reservations phone 3904817.

Flasak/Kapiku
OCT 22: SAS Hotel, The Tent, 6 pm: Kapiku and Flasak will celebrate their seventh anniversary. For details phone Edna — 6534200; Florence — 2439451; Jojo — 9039593.

Coiva Nite
OCT 27: 8.30 pm. MBH: Coiva Nite with music by the Top Ranks. For details phone 2434776; 2413884; 4310913; 5629141 (after 5 pm)

Halloween Party
OCT 31: Children's Halloween pool party at Messiah Beach Hotel. Fancy dress competition, pantomime fun and fun games. For reservations call the hotel ext. 739/751.

Nite Flight 88
NOV 10: SAS Hotel, The Tent, 9.30 pm: The airline staff's first get-together: lavish buffet, music by Juke Box

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Space Adventures
10.15 Ibn Al Jabal
11.15 Bu Saleh Youreel
Halla: local serial, starring Ibrahim Al Salal, Ali Al Mufidi, Mariam Al Ghabban, Zainab Al Dbahi and Daoud Hussain
12.00 News
12.15 Cultural film
1.00 News
1.05 World today via satellite
1.50 Variety show
2.30 Awaq Al Daliyah
3.30 Cartoons
4.15 Feature film: "The Pirate"
6.00 Bundok and Budokha: serial for children
7.00 Traffic seminar
7.45 Open University
8.30 Waqalat Al Arab
9.00 News

9.45 Al Saqqiyah
10.45 Hekayat Min Al Badiyah: starring Miad Awad, Ashraf Abazah and Hassan Ibrahim
11.45 News Summary
11.50 World today via satellite: Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 My Pet Monster: cartoon serial
6.30 Wonderstruck: a look at Egyptian mummies and elephants
7.00 Pals: "Lost." Sammy, who lives with his grandparents, leaves home to join his father.
7.30 Growing Pains: "This is Life." Ben is asked to behave like a "true Seaver" and go ahead with surgery

8.00 News in English
8.40 Probe: detective series with Mickey and Austin, who agree to apply new gimmicks to ply an old trade
9.30 The Secret World: "Killers of the Night." Documentary. Superstitions — old and new — form the theme of tonight's episode; also a look at witchcraft and evil spirits
10.00 What's Happening Now: "A Horse is Not a House." A misprint in the newspaper leads to an embarrassing situation
10.30 L.A. Law
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 Omnibus
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Report on Religion
45 Country Style
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Lyrics and Lyricsists
30 Citizens
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 Discovery
0400 Newswatch
30 Katherine Mansfield Stories
45 Reflections (ex 26th Report on Religion)
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Report on Religion (ex 26th Financial News)
45 (26th only) Reflections
0600 Newswatch
30 Meridian

0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Development '88
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Classical Record Review
30 5th and 12th Raffles: 19th Hancock's Half-Hour, 26th Round the Horne
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 5th and 12th Raffles: 19th Hancock's Half-Hour, 26th Round the Horne
1000 News Summary followed by Omnibus
30 Prompt (ex 26th Just a Minute)
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Katherine Mansfield Stories
30 Meridian
1200 Radio Newsworld
15 Smith and Son
25 The Farming World
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Development '88
1400 Outlook, opening with

5-Minute News
45 Report on Religion
1500 Radio Newsworld
15 Mastering Photography
30 5th and 12th After Henry: 19th and 26th The Million Pound Radio Show
1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Callid Rock
45 The World Today
1700 World News
09 Commentary
15 Society Today
30 New Ideas
40 Book Choice
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newswatch
30 Multitrack 2
1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary
30 Stock Market Report
45 Good Books

Urdu

1000 Opening
1910 Bitterness Qul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1930 Press Report
1940 Sublime-Nau
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Hidayat Rabbani
2100 Closedown

KTV prepares production plan

ARABIAN television production will decline during the coming years due to increased costs and lack of capital for

huge productions, according to Bader Al Mudhaf, director of programmes at Kuwait Television.

Foreign productions are better suited to match viewers preferences, he said. Huge productions in the Gulf area often lack quality and are professionally substandard, Al Mudhaf said.

Kuwait TV deals with many Arabian television stations including Egypt, Iraq, Syria and Jordan and welcomes any good production, he said.

Kuwaiti actors and actresses are not totally devoted to dramatic work, but are involved in these activities on a seasonal basis. Consequently,

there are not many local productions, the official said. He added that Kuwait TV is now preparing an ambitious production plan which will start in October next year. It will include continuous dramatic productions year round.

Kuwait television is suffering from a shortage in actors who are able to participate in an entire year of work. However, Al Mudhaf is hopeful that other new graduates of the high institute for theatrical arts will play an effective role. Al Mudhaf said.

Egyptian TV drama writers who have good knowledge of Kuwaiti traditions have been hired by Kuwait TV, he said.

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Yugoslav leaders in panic over unrest

By Peter Humphrey

BELGRADE, (Reuters): Yugoslav leaders are desperately seeking to quell unrest which they see as rocking the very foundations of this multi-racial communist federation.

This was the assessment of Western diplomats and Yugoslav political analysts after one of the most turbulent weeks in the 43-year history of the post-war state.

A politburo power struggle for the country's future appears to be coming to a head amid violence on the streets.

"The past week's events have sent Yugoslav leaders to panic stations. They feel threatened. They see the entire regime at stake," said a Western ambassador in Belgrade.

Yugoslavia, with a mainly Slav population of 23 million, people, has been a fragile community of potential disunity since it was first created as a Serbian-led kingdom from the ashes of World War I.

After fresh ravages wrought by World War II, the new communist regime of the late President Josip Broz Tito managed to weld the country into a socialist federation.

But since Tito's death in 1980, ethnic and territorial divisions have intensified, along with economic crises, as the country drifted under a collective leadership system.

Another Western ambassador said: "The silver lining in the cloud might be that a new leadership system emerges from the dust to put this country on its feet again. We would all welcome that, so long as the leader is not a despot."

Unrest has worsened in Yugoslavia as labour grievances, nationalist sentiments in Serbia, and concern over corruption and abuse of power have emerged in a broad platform of protest besetting the ruling elite of some 50 top communists.

There have been 800 strikes this year. Workers stormed

parliament in June. And throughout the summer Serbs and Montenegrins staged militant protests over alleged persecution of Slavs by ethnic Albanians in Kosovo province.

The Serbs have been egged on by praise from Serbian regional Communist Party leader Slobodan Milosevic, whose supporters have hailed him on the streets as a new Tito.

Western and Yugoslav analysts say Milosevic is responsible for accelerating the convergence of various types of unrest and igniting the politburo power struggle.

"He has stirred the cauldron," a Yugoslav analyst said.

In one instance a crowd of 100,000 people overthrew the regional party politburo of Vojvodina province, an autonomous part of Serbia.

Then thousands of protesters besieged parliament in the impoverished republic of Montenegro on Friday and Saturday and were stormed by paramilitary police in the first show of force against social and political unrest.

Many analysts say the brutal action by police with tear gas and clubs may trigger new and stronger protests.

Ljubomir Tadic, a prominent Belgrade academic, told Reuters there could be a fierce backlash and that Montenegrin leaders were "digging their own graves by using force."

Franc Setin, a Slovenian who recently resigned from the politburo claiming he was disgusted with the power struggle, also sees the worst.

"There is a great danger of unbridled elements destroying our constitutional order," he told Yugoslav party leaders on Saturday. "I no longer feel safe on the streets of Belgrade."

Setin's republic, Slovenia, blames the Montenegro disturbances on Serbia.

Yugoslavs are now venting their frustration over all the waste and drift of the past eight years, a Western diplomat said, adding:

Black voters unmoved by US presidential campaign

By Michael Conlon

CHICAGO, (Reuters): America's blacks have so far found little to shout about in the 1988 presidential campaign.

Things could change in the four-and-a-half weeks left before the election.

But if blacks fail to muster sufficient enthusiasm to go to the polls, Democrat Michael Dukakis will go into his showdown against George Bush with a severe handicap.

"The big issue is turnout. If there's a low turnout, the black vote could be crucial, particularly in some key states including Illinois," Dukakis field organizer Donna Brazile, a black, told Reuters.

Four years ago, blacks, the Democrats' most loyal constituency, backed Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale over Ronald Reagan by about nine-to-one and accounted for 20 per cent of Mondale's votes.

But observers of black politics say Bush does not attract the same negative reaction from blacks that Reagan did, while Dukakis lacks Mondale's civil rights track record.

Some experts say Dukakis needs the strong backing of former presidential rival Jesse Jackson to stir up his fellow blacks.

The civil rights leader has generally played the good soldier, telling a gathering of black judges and political leaders that their constituents need a Democratic administration.

"You're at the point where you can say, 'I can do without the next president'. Maybe you can, but the people who believe in you can't," he said.

"The people we serve can't survive four more years of this direction."

But at other times Jackson has seemed clearly miffed over what he regards as mistreatment by Dukakis, who had promised him a key role in the campaign.

The two men have appeared together on just a handful of occasions, generally in remote black churches - an apparent bid by Dukakis strategists to avoid frightening conservative

white voters fearful that the liberal Jackson might have excessive influence in a Dukakis administration.

Dukakis himself has held only three rallies in predominantly black, inner-city neighbourhoods since the Democratic convention, the most recent one in Chicago on Oct 3.

And a New York Times poll in mid-September showed that only 69 per cent of black voters nationwide supported Dukakis - a dismal showing for a Democrat.

"It is apparent there is no great welling-up of enthusiasm," said James Williams, information director for the National Association for Coloured People, a group which takes a non-partisan stance in the election.

"With Mondale there was a long track record in civil rights which made him really popular," he said in reference to the former Minnesota senator's role in pushing civil rights laws through the senate. "And... Bush doesn't exert the same sort of negative feeling among blacks (that Reagan did)."

Roland Burris, a black who is state controller of Illinois and a vice-chair of the Democratic National Committee, said blacks will ultimately turn out for Dukakis.

"There is a lull," he said. "Are they dancing in the streets? Are they hyped? No. But that is coming. The momentum is building up and after the World Series baseball competition it will be at a fever pitch."

Interest

But William Sampson, an associate professor of sociology at Northwestern University and an observer of black politics, disagreed.

"The level of interest is low. To an awful lot of black voters, Reagan has been the quintessential ogre. Four years ago they had Reagan to vote against. They also had in Mondale an old-line civil rights supporter to vote for."

"This time around Bush says many of the same things but he doesn't stir quite the enmity. And there's no Mondale. Dukakis doesn't quite have the record or charisma that could overcome that," Sampson said.

High-tech optical and electronic detection equipment used

Israel using US Green Beret lessons in South Lebanon

By Bernard Edinger

BINT JBAIL, Lebanon, (Reuters): An Israeli graduate of the US Army's Special Forces School is applying lessons from American Green Beret instructors to Israel's self-styled security zone in South Lebanon.

"What I learned about unconventional warfare during a year at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, is being put into practice by my unit in the security zone and beyond," said the 28-year-old major whom censors said could be named only as Eitan.

He said the techniques included long-range patrolling behind enemy lines and the use of big-technology optical and electronic detection equipment. Eitan, whose unit also may not be identified, spoke on a rare Army press tour of the zone along Israel's northern border.

Standing on the sandbagged

terrace of an Israeli firebase outside this Muslim town, he pointed to a shrub-covered ridge a mile (km) away and said: "Everything north of there is 'Indian country', uncontrolled by any authority."

Dusty Centurion tanks stood in the courtyard where young soldiers laden with equipment assembled around squad leaders before heading into the fading daylight for night patrols and ambushes.

Job

"Our job is to prevent Palestinians... or whoever from coming through and crossing the border to kill Israeli civilians," he said.

Adversaries include half a dozen groups often also opposed to one another. The main ones are Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) commandos based in refugee camps at Tyre or Sidon or Syrian-backed

Palestinians based in the Bekaa valley to the east.

Iranian-backed Lebanese of the Hezbollah movement were perhaps the most aggressive opponents until the recent Iran-Iraq war ceasefire when they scaled down their operations.

A stone monument on the road behind the border fence commemorates eight Israeli children, aged between six and nine, killed there in May 1970 when Palestinian commandos ambushed their schoolbus.

Prisoners

The fence was not then equipped with today's electronic gadgets which Eitan says instantly warn of any attempt to cut it, climb it or jump over it.

Asked if useful information was gleaned from prisoners, Eitan looked puzzled and replied: "What prisoners? We

don't take prisoners."

The reply caused a colonel from the Army spokesman's office to leap in his seat as if struck with an electric cattle prod.

Eitan rapidly added that any commandos found wounded after battle were treated by the battalion doctor.

"What I meant was we don't call out 'you're under arrest' when we meet a heavily armed band in the dark," he added.

During one clash this summer, the lieutenant-colonel commanding a battalion next to Eitan's was killed with one of his men and three Palestinians when the groups stumbled across each other at night and opened fire at close range.

Despite the higher risks, the young soldiers all said they preferred border duty to service in the riot-torn West Bank and Gaza strip.

He said there were three or four round-trips weekly.

"Here at least here we are soldiers while there we have to be policemen," one said.

Produce

The tour also revealed that Israel was regularly shipping farm produce to Christian east Beirut.

Journalists saw about 20 huge Israeli semi-trailer lorries cross the international border at Rash Hanikra and head for Ras Naqura, the SLA's single-jetty port to the north.

Both the Christian-led SLA and Israel maintain ties with other areas of Lebanon under Christian control.

The lorries loaded their cargo, mostly eggs and bananas in unmarked crates and wrappings, on two ships registered in Central American states, which SLA chief General Antoine Lahad would be in Beirut 10 hours later.

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Fear keeps Sikhs from Golden Temple

and visited each other's shrines. It became a tradition for one son in a Hindu family to be reared a Sikh, to act as a defender of both religions.

But the 7-year-old separatist campaign has strained that ancient bond.

"This situation has been created by anti-social elements who are actually against the teachings of the gurus. A Sikh would not do this," said professor Darshan Singh Ragi, the head priest of the Golden Temple, a powerful post in a community where religion, politics and social conduct are inseparably intertwined.

Darshan Singh opposes police in the temple as well as militants. He resigned from the post of chief priest last year when militancy at the temple was at a high point, and was reappointed afterward.

Sikhism was founded in 15th century India in reaction to the bloody rivalries of Hindus and Muslims. It rejects Hinduism's caste system but keeps many of its rituals, combining them with Islam's belief in a single deity.

After the Moguls beheaded the ninth Sikh prophet in 1699, his son turned the Sikhs on a warrior path, commanding that all Sikh men be soldiers of the faith - and take the name Singh, which means lion.

Betray

In 1981, Sikh radicals feared their religion was in danger of losing its identity because many Sikhs were betraying their faith, cutting their hair and shaving off beards.

The religion could only survive, they said, in a separate state established for Sikhs, who comprise only 2 per cent of India's 880 million people but are the majority in Punjab.

As attacks against Hindus grew, the most militant leaders

found sanctuary in the Golden Temple, taking advantage of the government's reluctance to send armed forces into the sacred shrine and storing a huge arsenal of weapons.

On June 3, 1984, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi ordered the Army into the complex to route armed extremists. About 1,200 people died in the four-day assault known as "Operation Blue Star."

The government proclaimed the raid had broken the back of Sikh terrorism. But alienation among the 15 million Sikhs triggered a more sophisticated campaign of terror.

On Oct 31, 1984, Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two of her Sikh bodyguards. Mobs of Hindus retaliated by killing more than 3,000 Sikhs.

Killings

Sporadic killings blamed on Sikh militants escalated into attacks on crowded buses and passenger trains, sleeping villagers and congested markets. And the militants again turned the Golden Temple into a fortress.

The government sent troops again on May 9 to flush the militants from the 10-square-block complex. Forty-six people died in the 16-day siege.

"Operation Black Thunder broke the terrorists' invincible cover," said Suresh Arora, senior superintendent of police in Amritsar district. "That doesn't mean they're defeated. They're out there somewhere, probably regrouping. But they won't ever be able to use the temple as their command post."

Inside the Golden Temple, there are no militants waving rifles and machine guns. The sandbagged bunkers are gone, and the enclaves where extremists hid are empty.

Ten years of rule

Challengers dance to Moi's tune

By Jerry Gray

NAIROBI, Kenya, (AP): During 11 years as Jomo Kenyatta's second in command, Daniel Arap Moi said his job was to "sing the tune" of Kenya's first president.

Now, all of Moi's would-be challengers dance to his.

In the decade since his emergence as president, the church-going, teetotaling Moi has amassed power rivaling even that of the lionised Kenyatta through deft political manoeuvring.

Kenyatta under Moi's leadership remains a Mecca for tourists. It is able to feed itself, a parity in Africa, and is one of the few countries in the region without civil war.

Kenya's economy is an African success story, although it has started to stagger under the burden of the world's fastest-growing population - nearly 4 per cent a year that is expected to double the 22 million population by 2000.

Economy

Moi also has made Kenya the West's best friend in Africa, and Western governments, in turn, hold Kenya up to other African nations as an example, citing its robust capitalist economy and multi-racialism.

The population includes 300,000 non-blacks, most of them "Asians", the collective name for people from the Indian subcontinent. There are about 60,000 Europeans, the name Africans assign to all whites.

On the eve of Kenya's independence from Britain in 1963, Kenyatta appealed to whites and other non-Africans to stay put and to help build black-led Kenya. Most did, and many continue to prosper under Moi.

Kenya is by law a one-party state. Moi, a member of the minority Kalenjin tribe and a former teacher, is boss of the ruling Kenyan government African National Union, which he says is supreme to the government.

Parliament is obedient to the president's wishes, and recent constitutional changes have brought the judiciary more under the executive's control.

Kenyatta, too, ran Kenya with a tight rein and tolerated no dissent. So pervasive was his rule



Daniel Arap Moi

that doomsayers predicted Kenya would be torn apart from tribal warfare after his death. Kenyatta was a member of the predominant Kikuyu tribe. But when the Mzee, or "old man", died on Aug 22, 1978, he was peacefully succeeded by Moi, the third and longest-serving of Kenyatta's vice-presidents.

Within 90 days, as specified by the constitution, Moi called a presidential election, won unopposed and was sworn in as Kenya's second president on Oct 14, 1978, the date he observes as the beginning of his presidency.

During the months that followed, details emerged of a plot during Kenyatta's waning days to kill Moi rather than allow a non-Kikuyu to become president.

Though there were no arrests, officials privately linked the plot to unidentified Kenyatta aides and relatives, who months before had tried unsuccessfully to thwart the constitutional transfer of power to Moi.

Retained

Moi retained many of Kenyatta's political allies in the government, although some were his political enemies. It was only last month that he removed the vestiges of Kenyatta's power clique.

In a week of party elections, Moi retained the party presidency, Kenya's supreme political job, but the eight officers under him changed, cementing Moi's power base.

During his first days in office,

Moi emptied the jails of political detainees. But he began his own detentions after junior Air Force officers tried to overthrow him on Aug 1, 1982.

There are now five people detained under a law that allows the government to jail people indefinitely without trial. About 100 others, including journalists, lawyers, academics and civil servants, have been jailed since 1986 after confessing links with groups accused of plotting to overthrow Moi.

The campaign against purported dissidents brought Moi and Kenya unaccustomed criticism from human rights groups and others who charged confessions were coerced and that civil liberties were being trampled.

"President Moi has presided over a steady deterioration of the rule of law," Rose Styron, chairwoman of the judges' panel of the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award, said in September when announcing that Kenyan lawyer and former political detainee Gibson Kamau Kuria was the 1988 winner.

"Kenya today is a land where only the animals are truly free," she said.

Moi is popular with Kenya's masses, however, and enjoys the reputation of a moderate with Western governments. He has cordial ties with most of his African peers, but is cool to military rulers.

Moi, 64 and divorced, is a private person. He does not give interviews. Most of his comments are gleaned from frequent appearances at public rallies where he staunchly defends Kenya and his government.

Sovereign

"We are a sovereign state and can stand on our feet," he said recently in an attack on foreign critics. "We are not under anyone's feet."

There is no government censorship and the Kenyan press is among the most sophisticated in Africa.

But it is assailed by a chorus of protests, often led by Moi, when it publishes stories not to the government's liking and a church-run magazine, Beyond, was banned this year after an article alleged fraud during primary elections.

By Jeremy Clift

MANILA, (Reuters): Philippine President Corazon Aquino, responding to charges that graft is the Achilles' heel of her government, is cracking the whip on corruption.

The 55-year-old president who was swept to office through a "people's power" revolt in early 1986, is stepping up the drive to bring associates of ousted leader Ferdinand Marcos to court and has warned her own relatives they can expect no favours.

In an order issued on Friday, she instructed all national and local-level officials not to grant requests for concessions or privileges from any of her relatives, whether "real, pretended or imaginary." Charges should be filed immediately against anyone making such a request, she said.

Allegation

It was her strongest response so far to repeated allegations that relatives are using her name to make money, claims which political analysts see as undermining the moral advantage she had in the battle against Marcos.

Aquino warned at the funeral last week of a Philippine newspaper publisher, who helped put her in power but later criticised her for tolerating a "government of thieves," that corrupt officials would face public scorn and retribution.

While Aquino has maintained her clean image, opposition groups have accused her relatives of trying to take over the assets of former Marcos supporters and using their relationship with the president to win business concessions.

Aquino, who has one son and four daughters, was swept to power by a wave of popular discontent over the abuses and corruption under Marcos, who now lives in exile in Hawaii.

Newspapers on Sunday welcomed Aquino's action to curb favour-seeking relatives. The right-of-centre Philippine daily

Aquino cracks whip on corruption

Inquirer described it as a "strong and unequivocal signal" but said it would require extraordinary strength of character to curb patronage and family politics in the Philippines.

Aquino has said her government is also trying to speed up prosecution of former Marcos associates. Solicitor-General Frank Chavez said on Friday at least 40 "cronies" of the former president would be formally charged by the end of the year in a bid to recover wealth alleged to have been stolen during Marcos's 20-year rule.

An anti-graft court on Wednesday served its first criminal indictment against one of Marcos's former ministers, accusing one-time Energy Minister Geronimo Velasco of squander-

ing public funds to build a private beach resort, a charge he immediately denied.

"We already started with Ronnie Velasco and... are really trying to speed up the filing of charges against all erring officials and other people connected with the government before and even with the government now," Aquino told reporters.

The government is separately seeking about \$100 billion in damages from 39 civil cases filed last year against Marcos, his former ministers and about 300 business associates.

Chavez warned that the legal process would take time.

"We observe due process and due process takes time," he told reporters. "We are not a police state where we just line up people and shoot them."

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1492 — Christopher Columbus discovers America.
- 1822 — Brazil becomes independent of Portugal.
- 1908 — South Africa constitutional convention meets in Durban.
- 1925 — Uprising in Syria.
- 1934 — Peter II becomes king of Yugoslavia following assassination of his father, King Alexander.
- 1942 — American forces defeat Japanese in battle of Cape Esperance on Guadalcanal in World War II.
- 1945 — Allied Control Council in Germany orders dissolution of Nazi Party after World War II.
- 1956 — Britain tells Israel it will assist Jordan if latter is attacked.
- 1960 — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev upsets decorum of UN General Assembly by pounding desk with his shoe.
- 1962 — India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru says Indian Army has been ordered to oust Chinese forces from Indian territory near Tibetan border.
- 1964 — Army forces take control in South Vietnam, ousting government of Major General Nguyen Khanh in bloodless coup.
- 1969 — Soviet Union launches Soyuz VII spacecraft with three men aboard to join two men in orbit in Soyuz VI.
- 1975 — Pope Paul VI canonizes an Irish archbishop, Oliver Plunkett, who was executed by British in 1681.

I thought you might need this ...

By Kathy Cuddihy

MY mother came to visit us recently. The event itself was not unusual because she comes every year. What made this year's sojourn notable was the contents of two large suitcases and her larger-than-the-legal-limit carry-on bag.

All this excess paraphernalia should have made me suspicious right away since the woman has packing down to a fine art and never travels with more than she can carry comfortably — and unassisted. Her petite size puts further limitations on this already restrictive policy.

It never occurred to me to wonder what her luggage contained. That was her business, after all. Or so I thought. All too soon it became my business, too, although my mother was clever enough to make sure that I did not come to this conclusion with any particular immediacy.

"I thought you might like to have this silver dresser set," Mother announced as she laid out an engraved comb, brushes, mirror, nail buffer, and other sterling ornaments on my bed. "They belonged to your grandmother, you know."

"Oh, it's beautiful. Thank you. It will look lovely on the new dresser." What a kind gesture. I thought, with only a little naivety.

Later, after mother had softened me up with one or two other family heirlooms, I heard peals of laughter coming from the living room.

"What's so funny?" I enquired, aware that the laughter had a rather ominous ring about it.

"This," announced my daughter as she held up a vaguely familiar rubber body that boasted a wonky eye, unkempt hair, and the accumulation of a generation of grime. It had not survived the journey through time with much dignity.

"Good grief, that's the old doll I had when I was a kid. What's it doing here?"

I thought you might want to have it in your own house in case any small children come to visit," explained my mother almost enthusiastically. "I brought a few other old

"Those aren't tacky. Those are your past. You collected all those knick-knacks in your glorious youth. Remember you used to think a genie would pop out of that miniature lantern if you rubbed it?"

"That's fine, Mother. But do you think all these carnival-class hits and pieces belong in my up-market living room? After all, I've got an image to protect. Besides, what would people say if they thought I still believed in genies?"

As I continued to unearth prizes from the past, I could only marvel at the vast array. How on earth did mother manage to get all that junk into her

grateful that she didn't go one step further and pack all the broken glass.

Realizing that confrontation would achieve nothing, I eventually resorted to quietly gathering all the discouraging discoveries and removing them to an unoccupied part of the house. Mother took my absence of eagerness without offense or comment — except where items of particular interest (to her) were concerned.

"Did you happen to see that box I left in the dining room?"

"You mean the one with all those badges and buttons, medals and ribbons, subway tokens and similar mementos whose ages span about 70 years? Yes, mother, I happened to notice the box. I didn't know you collected those sorts of things."

"I don't collect them exactly. You accumulated a lot of those, as did your grandparents and a few other people. Except for some minor contributions of my own, I just assembled them. I thought you might like to have them since a few might be collectors' pieces."

Thank you, mother. I have to ask myself, is the woman doing this out of consideration or desperation? Ah well, not to worry. I have two growing children. They'll have their own homes soon enough and then I can foist some of these dubious treasures onto their territory.

In the meantime, I'll keep that miniature magic lantern close at hand... just in case.

"As I continued to unearth prizes from the past, I could only marvel at the vast array. How on earth did mother manage to get all that junk into her suitcase? Why did she bother with half of it? I mean, can there be a market for such items as rusted hairpins and balding false eyelashes?"

toys as well," she added before the children could leak this self-evident information.

"Wow, Mom, look at all this stuff. Toys sure were basic when you were little. I guess batteries weren't invented then, huh?"

Sensing that perhaps I wasn't wildly excited about having my house cluttered with all this questionable memorabilia, Mother became more discreet about off-loading the contents of her cases.

"Who put these tacky ornaments on the mantelpiece?" I queried rhetorically, as the corner of my eye caught a glimpse of new decor.

suitcases? Why did she bother with half of it? I mean, can there be a market for such items as rusted hairpins and balding false eyelashes.

"Mother, this pastel sketch has hung in my bedroom for years. Don't you want it there anymore?"

"It's lovely, dear, but it fell off the wall awhile ago. The glass shattered and the frame rather disintegrated. Since a friend of yours drew it, I thought you might like to have it in your own home now. I brought the old bits of frame with me in case you might need them for something." Amazing, I suppose I should be

How would you cope in a crisis?

By Julie Neff

HOW well could you cope in a crisis? Would you know what to do as the Titanic went down or your gas stove blew up? Can you keep your head when he or she has broken your heart? Or suppose a car crashed and burst into flames right in front of you?

Every so often, without warning, something happens to test you to the limit, or beyond. Find out with this simple quiz whether a real crisis would bring out the best in you, or leave you feeling helpless and hopeless.

1. You are going away on holiday in two weeks. Are you: a. Packing already? b. Making a list of what to take, but leaving the packing until the last few days? c. Hardly giving it a thought?

2. You are in a hotel with your children when the fire alarm rings in the small hours. You grab the children and what else? a. Blankets. b. Car keys. c. Chequebook.

3. You are late leaving for an important date. Do you: a. Somehow get there on time? b. Think of a brilliant excuse? c. Apologise profusely?

4. A neighbour is ill. You: a. Telephone with sympathy? b. Do nothing? c. Ask if there is any way you can help? d. Offer to do their shopping, collect their children from school, or some other specific help?

5. You borrow money: a. Never? b. Occasionally, when you have accidentally left yours at home? c. Regularly, to tide you over until payday?

Something happens suddenly to put you to the test. You're first at the scene of a serious accident ... you see flames from the house next door ... Try this quiz to find out if you'd stay cool or turn to jelly.



6. You look at your bank statement, then at your bills, and they don't balance. Do you: a. Ask your bank manager if you can go into the red? b. Just go into the red? c. Leave some of the bills until next month? d. Earn extra by overtime or moonlighting? e. Cut back drastically on personal spending?

7. At a party on your own you find you are in a room full of strangers who all seem to know

each other. Do you: a. Make an excuse and leave? b. Slink in a corner? c. Make a lot of new friends? d. Your partner surprises you with something new romantically. What do you say? a. How dare you! b. You'll get cramp. c. Wow!

9. Walking alone, what do you think about most: a. Your memories? b. The future?

c. What a nice day it is? 10. You find you have left out one small word in a very important letter.

a. Insert the word though your correction will show? b. Rewrite the whole letter? c. Kick the cat?

11. Which character would your friend think you resemble most closely:

a. Winston Churchill or Florence Nightingale? b. James Dean or Marilyn Monroe? c. The Duke of Windsor or Princess Margaret?

12. At the last minute your loved one telephones to cancel tonight's dinner date. You: a. Have beans on toast and sulks? b. Cook yourself a special meal? c. Go to a friendly, lively restaurant alone? d. Go out with a friend?

13. You are stuck in a traffic jam caused, you learn, by an overturned lorry. Do you: a. Turn off the main road and find another route? b. Wait for the jam to clear? c. Turn round and go home?

14. Which is your favourite colour? a. Red. b. Brown. c. Yellow. d. Blue. e. Green.

15. FOR HER You discover your man has Another Woman. You: a. Take yourself, children, clothes, records, credit cards back to mother? b. Have a long heart-to-heart talk, at the end of which he promises never to see her again? c. Go all weepy?

16. FOR HIM You love her and she has left you. Do you: a. Stay stoned for a fortnight? b. Have nights out with friends and old flames? c. Sit at home and feel sorry for yourself?

HOW YOU SCORED

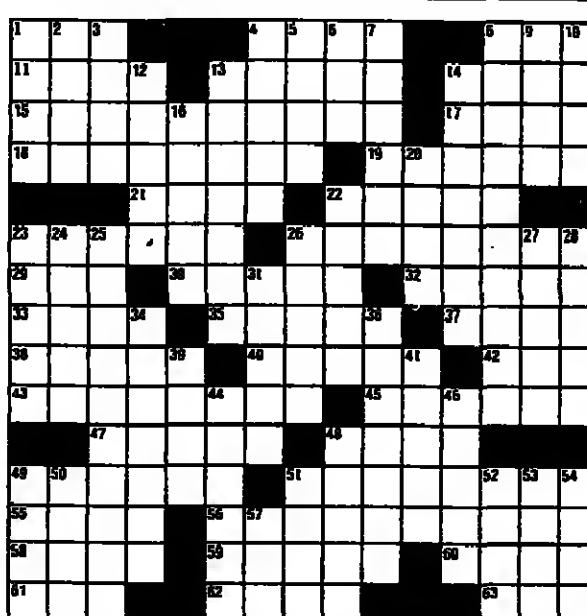
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23-33: Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it's Superyou, zooming to the rescue once again. If you have answered the questions honestly, you are a great person to have around when things go wrong. And you have no trouble handling your personal problems. But you could be missing out on a lot of fun in life because you take it so seriously.

11-22: You can cope perfectly well with the average crisis, though something big like the end of the world, might be beyond you. But even when a problem floors you, your well-balanced, adaptable nature means you will get up, dust yourself off and be ready for fate's next blow.

0-11: Life is one crisis after another for you. Try to be ready in good time for all that can be expected to happen — like holidays and gas bills. Then you will have something in reserve to cope with the surprises. Remember, when things go wrong for you, no-one is responsible for putting them right but you.

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

TAKE ALL YOUR DISCARDS

East-West vulnerable. North game as a passed hand, South checked for aces before committing the hand to slam. A big gain was there for the taking, but South fumbled the play.

West led the jack of diamonds, and declarer saw at once that he could not draw trumps immediately. If he tried, one of the defenders would win the ace and cash a diamond for down one. So South postponed pulling trumps until he had played three rounds of clubs, discarding a diamond from dummy on the third. He then led the king of trumps.

Almost good enough. West took his ace perforce and returned his remaining club, and East was able to overruff the table for down one. Had declarer looked into the position a little deeper, he would have realized the danger of an opposing club overruff. There was a simple way to avert that fate. After three rounds of clubs and before touching trumps, declarer should play off the board's ace-king of spades, stuffing his last club. Now he leads a trump from dummy, and the contract cannot be defeated. If East wins the ace of trumps and leads the fourth club, declarer can afford to ruff high; and if West wins the ace of trumps, declarer can ruff the fourth club in hand and draw the last trump to bring home his slam.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

We never agreed with the rubric: "When in doubt, draw trumps" — we feel we need a more compelling reason. But only a masochist would insist on drawing trumps when he can see that it could lead to his defeat.

The auction was not a thing of beauty. North-South, however, desperately needed a good score, so when North showed the equivalent of an opening bid by jumping to

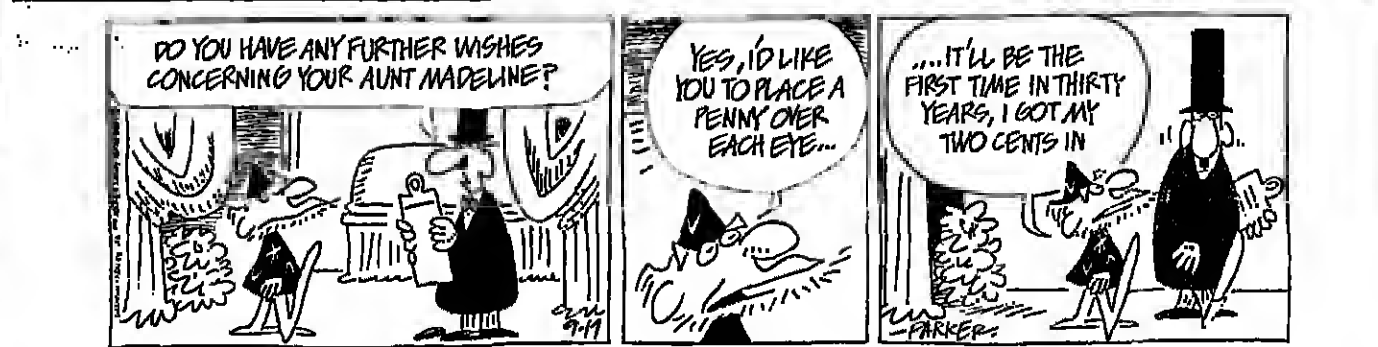
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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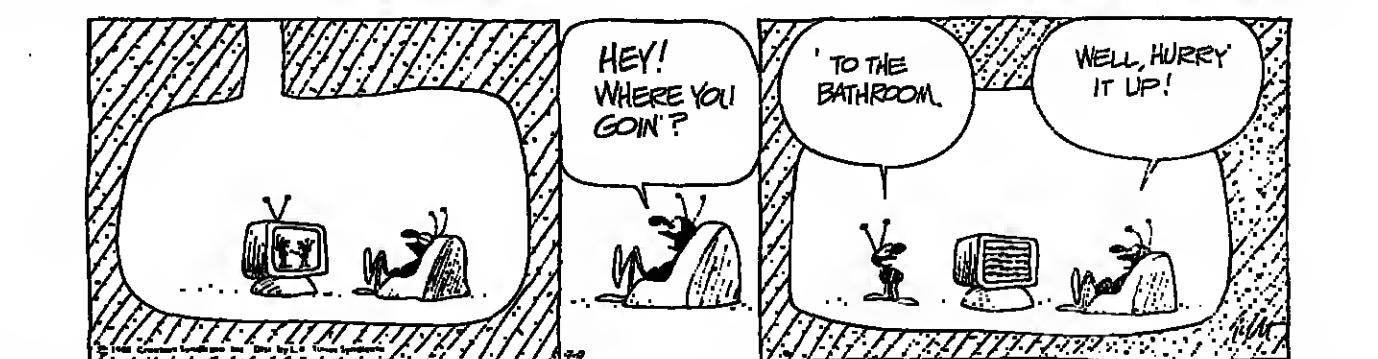
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>Today you will have plenty of energy but you must make sure you do not waste it. You should keep your objectives clearly in mind. Jupiter's influence will help you to make some changes. Be more tolerant.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You will find it easier to do what you have made up your mind to do. However, you will have to make a few changes in the targets you have set yourself. Do not allow some rather unpleasant thought to obsess you. Be more approachable.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>You must check on your finances: have you really got as much saved up as you think you have? You should not do anything that is not strictly practical just now. You have no time to lose and you must conserve your energies. Be prompt.</p>	<p>Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>This is going to be a very busy and exciting day for you. You should try to find the time to deal with a personal matter. Avoid becoming involved in a legal problem. Be objective.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>This is going to be a rather difficult day for you and you must make sure you do not allow your attention to drift. Venus' influence will help you better to face up to your responsibilities. You will have something to be pleased about. Be lenient.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)</p> <p>You are subject to favourable influences but you must still keep your mind on things and avoid allowing yourself to be distracted. You should not spend more than you know you can readily afford.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>The Moon's better influence will help you to keep things in their right proportions. You will get on well with those in your immediate surroundings. You should do something to prove your love to your partner. Be amenable.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>Some small matter is liable to take up far too much of your time. You are liable to miss a good opportunity. But there will be another one. Do not think quite so much of yourself, more of others. Be pliable.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>Something you have been struggling to learn will at last 'click'. You should not try to do by force something you have been unable to do by persuasion. You should not neglect a personal matter. Be resilient.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)</p> <p>You will be better able to maintain harmony with your partner. You should not allow yourself to be persuaded to do something against your better judgment. You will have to be on your guard against someone else getting the better of you. Be cordial.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</p> <p>You will be able to dispel some rather negative thoughts and inclinations. You should try to avoid getting into an argument. Make sure you get enough rest and exercise. Be more generous.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)</p> <p>The better influence of the Moon will help you to deal with an outstanding matter. You should consider not only the visible but also the slightly hidden aspects. Do not believe all you hear and everyone you have to deal with. Be methodical.</p>

Plants hit by drought 'cry out' for water

By Don Kendall

WASHINGTON, (AP): Plants withering from drought can literally "cry out" for water, according to plant scientists. And the cries for help may be attracting destructive insects to the already suffering plants.

US Department of Agriculture researchers have been using electronic equipment for more than four years to hear corn and other drought-stressed plants make noises far above the frequency range normally audible to human ears.

When there is adequate water in the soil, water and nutrients flow upward to the plants' leaves through tiny water tubes. If the soil lacks enough water, the tension becomes too great and the tubes fracture, producing the "distress" sound.

One potential benefit from this kind of research would be new ways of letting irrigation farmers know precisely when to water their fields. Also, it could aid in developing new plant varieties that would be better equipped to move water and nutrients from roots to leaves.

Robert Haack, an entomologist at the department's north central forest experiment station in east Lansing, Michigan, and a colleague, Bill Mattson, also think there might be a connection between the noises and flocking of some insects, such as bark beetles, to drought-damaged trees.

Trees with drought damage may be more attractive places for the insects to reproduce. But while the ultrasonic emissions have been documented, their role in attracting insects remains only an educated guess.

Haack, the research leader, said in an interview that he thought it was a "great idea" that the noises of stricken trees might attract insects.

"We're just starting up" on studying the sound link between trees and insects, he said. "We don't have enough to make any speculation on what we might find."

Haack said insects have been known for a long time to be attracted by certain influences such as colour and scent. But Haack said that to the best of his knowledge there has not been conclusive work linking the ultrasound of trees to insect behaviour.

The noises produced by drought-ravaged plants are in the 100-kilohertz range, while sound heard by humans is no more than about 20 kilohertz.

The tree project only got under way three weeks ago, he said. A lot of time has been spent rounding up necessary equipment, part of it borrowed from other laboratories near Michigan State University, where the forest service operation is located.

"It could turn out that these sounds do attract insects," Haack said. "Or it might not... or it might be a combination of things."

In any case, Haack is starting by depriving potted white pine seedlings of water and recording their ultrasounds. The next step will be to see if the recorded sounds attract beetles.

Eventually, Haack hopes to see what role the tree sounds play in the choice of sites for beetles to mate and lay eggs.

Dial home to your cooker, call your air-conditioner

Next consumer gold-mine: dial-up electronics

By Yumi Kuramitsu

TOKYO, (Reuters): Telephone home if you want a bath drawn or dinner ready when you get back from work. Call to check if you've locked the door and turned off all the lights.

No matter that nobody is there, Japan's electronic firms believe they have uncovered the next consumer gold-mine — dial-up electronics. The market is young but growing.

"You dial home code in the equipment and the electric machines will do most of the work you want," said Takemaro Suzuki, general manager of home automation systems at Toshiba Corporation.

"Dial home if you want to switch on the air conditioner or prepare a bath by the time you come home. You can check if you locked the door or if you turned the lights off," said Masahito Tezuka of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. Ltd.

Matsushita, a market leader in dial-up technology, said its home automation system sales hit 20 billion yen (150 million dollars) last year. They expect double that figure for this year.

The concept of telephone-directed electric machinery is not new, but industry analysts say Japanese firms are the first to commercialise the idea on a large scale.

Besides controlling most

household machinery, the systems can also be used in conjunction with fire and crime prevention equipment.

If a thief breaks into your home, your security alarm gets in touch with your telephone, which then pages you in warn of the intruder.

Matsushita's Tezuka said the systems could also have applications for the elderly or bed-ridden.

Spokesmen for major electrical manufacturers Mitsubishi Electric, Sanyo Electric and NEC said they are also developing dial-up home electronics divisions.

"I expect almost all new buildings and condominiums will be equipped with such systems

in the future," said a Toshiba spokesman. The system is relatively inexpensive.

A system to control the air conditioning, lights and a rice cooker will cost about 130,000 yen (1,000 dollars), which is about the same price as a good television set in Japan.

It can be costly, however, to set up the system in older homes since a new wiring system must be installed.

The system is composed of a main controller plus electronic equipment and cables to connect the controller and the machinery a customer wishes to dial-up.

The main controller looks like a push-button telephone.

To turn the air conditioner on by telephone, for example, you just push two digits. The main controller then answers, indicating the air conditioner is on. You push another button to switch it off.

"Almost all newly sold air conditioners in Japan now have adaptors on their backs so that you can code them to a main controller," Tezuka said.

Matsushita has no immediate plans to export the equipment. "But we will introduce them in industry shows for the time when we will export them," a Matsushita spokesman said.

Not all potential customers are excited by the prospect of dialing up their rice cooker.

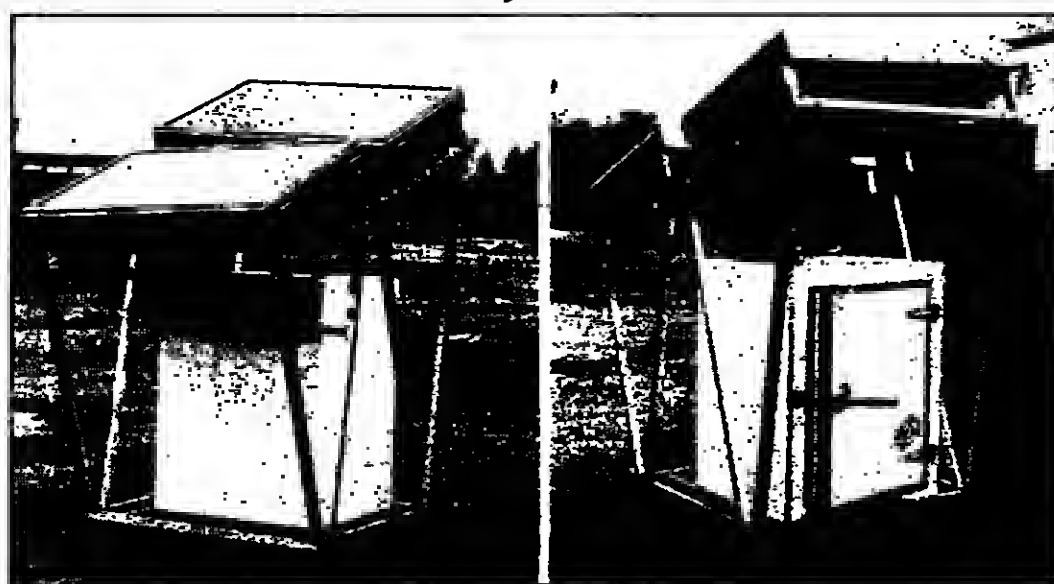
By Jacques Baudeneau

SOLAR energy can be used in other ways than simply being turned into electricity by the photovoltaic effect, as is the most common case today. Two recent inventions are here to prove it. "Gaspard" and "Barbekiu" were invented almost simultaneously, but there is no link between them. One of them blows out cold air, even in the middle of a desert. The other blows hot air, even if the sun is slightly veiled.

Man makes increasing use of the cold for his health, his food and his living conditions. In tropical countries, the need for refrigeration, a consequence of the vast amount of sunshine, comes in second place of importance, immediately after the need of water. But most of these regions have no form of energy other than sunshine. Until now, the only means of producing solar cold were photovoltaic systems and absorption systems, which are unfortunately costly and fairly fragile. The new way opened by B.L.M. is thus of great interest.

For the first time in the world, an industrial firm is marketing simple, autonomous and reliable equipment (refrigerators, ice-machines, refrigerated warehouses) which directly

Blow hot, blow cold



Gaspard: solar absorption generator for the autonomous production of gentle refrigeration, can be of infinite use in tropical countries

convert solar heat into cold, following the principle of adsorption.

The evaporation of a liquid (methanol) produces the cold. During the night, an absorbent material (active charcoal)

absorbs it. The following day, the solar energy captured heats the absorbent substance which expels the methanol in the form of vapour, which, as it condenses, collects in a tank.

At the end of the day, the condensed contents of the tank

return to the evaporator for another phase of night-time evaporation. Thanks to storage in the form of ice, the use of the cold is continuous. The total absence of moving parts, of adjustments, of wear and of corrosion should be noted.

This results in the great reliability of the system. The only maintenance required is to keep the solar collectors clean. There is no pollution and no noise. "Gaspard" can thus be of infinite use, particularly in tropical countries. The "Solar Adsorption Generator for the Autonomous Production of Gentle Refrigeration" reduces losses in agricultural produce, offers temporary storage for export produce, allows vaccines to be preserved, etc.

The other invention comes from J.C. Kiffer, a mechanics teacher in Pont-a-Mousson, who has just created a solar barbecue. A dish, 40 to 120 centimetres across, depending on the model, captures the sun's rays and directs them onto a hotplate made of sheet iron or cast iron which they heat up to around 750°C. The difficulty which the inventor managed to solve by carefully calculating his reflector, was to spread out the impact of the sun's rays all over the hotplate and not have it concentrated in a single spot. This piece of equipment is made of light composite materials with a high resistance. As it produces neither flames nor embers, there is no risk of fire and it stops working when it is turned over, as the dish then no longer captures the sun's rays.

Switch off boiler, lights, fridge or ... listen in to baby by remote control!

ERLANGEN, (INP): In the interval, someone attending a theatre performance goes out into the foyer in order to close his blinds at home some ten km away, after having omitted to take this safety precaution when he left for the theatre.

This remote control switching can be accomplished by a new technical development by Siemens. Siemens engineers speaking of their invention in the south German town of Erlangen, said that units can be switched on and off over any required distance — or regulated as required.

The special feature behind the breakthrough: not just one unit but three — and each independent of the others — can be operated by remote control via the telephone. In other words, you can control the hot-water boiler as well as the lights, the fridge or the central heating system. In addition, acoustic room monitoring is possible: during the interval at the theatre for instance, it is possible

to listen in at home to find out whether the baby is crying.

The new apparatus from the Federal Republic of Germany has four switching channels: three for the electric equipment, and the fourth for the microphone for acoustic supervision of the home. In the house itself, the system is attached to the telephone network and the electric equipment which has to be operated.

The control commands are passed on in the form of coded sound impulses — by pressing a button on a battery-operated transmitter, held up against the telephone. No one can interfere with the system. The unit only reacts to a special personal identification code — which it has been provided with. The system has been approved by the German Post Office in the Federal Republic of Germany; in other countries, corresponding preparations have still to be carried out.



Electrical equipment at home or in the office can be switched via remote control by means of the new house appliance remote control telephone — operated system — devised by Siemens in the Federal Republic of Germany. An identification code is incorporated for safety reasons. In Germany, the purchasing price amounts to around DM 1,500.

Analysis instead of analysis, portation instead of transport

By Adrian Berry

THE English language is being murdered by people in the computer industry, according to a computer expert.

Their "techno-babble" includes words and phrases such as "analysis" instead of analysis, "portation" instead of transport.

Worst

One of the worst examples is the use of the word "office" as a verb, said Jim Seymour, a distinguished consultant, writing in the latest issue of the American journal, PC Magazine.

People say: "Where do you office?" or "I office in 47th Street."

Seymour picked the following examples of

The American journal PC magazine lists some examples of computer English in vogue today, which it maintains is corrupting the language as we know it!

atrocious English from correspondence from people in the computer industry.

"It will be the next release before these ideas reach fruition."

"On new orders, we need a shipper-address in addition to shipper-address."

"The proposed organisation implies more project

teams reporting in a matrix fashion. "Some tables should be clustered round their owner in the database."

"Once you've detected an error, memory should be snapped off immediately."

"We'll have to ballpark these time estimates," (i.e. get a rough guide to them).

Buy

"I wouldn't want to buy hardware or software which might erode the DEC-ness of my shop."

"We are uncomfortable with that long-term strategy."

"Getting a bit 'discomfortable' yourself?" Seymour remarks. "Believe me, these things are typical of the stuff that crosses my desk every day."

By Adrian Berry

THE most distant star ever found has been discovered in a cluster of galaxies 5,000 million light years from Earth.

"It is going to throw light on the ultimate fate of the universe," said Dr Richard Ellis, of Durham University.

Dr Ellis measured its brightness through Britain's super-powerful new William Herschel telescope at Las Palmas in the Canary Islands.

A few weeks ago, from being totally invisible, it flared up to being four million times fainter than can be seen through the naked eye. Now it has dimmed again, becoming too faint for any telescope to see it.

New star found in the galaxy

"It is what we call a Type One supernova, the total explosive destruction of a star," said Dr Ellis. "We call them Type Ones because they were common in the early history of the universe."

"But what is really important about this kind of star is that its colour tells us whether the present expansion of the universe is slowing down."

"This will tell us whether the universe will one day collapse

into a giant black hole or whether it will continue to expand forever," Dr Ellis said.

"It is a simple chain of reasoning. The redness of the star tells us how fast it was receding from us when its light started on its journey to Earth 5,000 million years ago."

The redder the star, the faster it was receding. By comparing that speed with the universe's present rate of expansion, one could deduce whether the expansion would one day stop altogether and go into reverse.

"With a team of Danish colleagues at the European Southern Observatory's 5ft telescope at La Silla in Chile, we hope to find many more ancient, distant stars of this kind in order to reach a firm conclusion."

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

ASPIRIN EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING BLOOD CLOTS

QUESTION: Is all this aspirin advertising true about heart attacks and stroke?

ANSWER: The benefits of aspirin in preventing heart attacks and stroke have been the subject of much debate in recent years. If the aspirin is taken in proper doses, with appropriate precautions, most physicians agree that it is one of the most effective drugs in preventing blood clots, which play a large role in both heart attacks and stroke.

Don't take aspirin without consulting with your physician. It has side effects that can be harmful, and if you're taking other "blood-thinning" medications, aspirin should be taken with care, if at all. Also, because aspirin inhibits blood clotting (that's one reason it is effective in reducing heart attacks and strokes, remember) you may bleed more than normal if you are injured or have surgery if you have been taking aspirin regularly. Aspirin is irritating to the stomach, so side effects range from discomforts to creation of an ulcer and bleeding. If you're taking aspirin regularly, you probably will find that the buffered and coated kind is easiest on your stomach. Also, be sure to take aspirin with food and fluid, so that its actions on the stomach wall

can be reduced.

QUESTION: Aside from the drug AZT, and lots of talk on TV and in the papers about "new developments," there doesn't seem to be any progress in developing medications for AIDS victims. What is going on that may provide some hope for the future?

ANSWER: Actually a great deal. You're right about AZT (its chemical name is "zidovudine" and is marketed under the name of Retrovir) being the first approved drug. It was approved in record time, only four months after the submission of the application to the FDA. At present there are no new drug applications pending before the agency although the FDA has given all potential AIDS drugs top-priority classification for review. Actually more than 100 ongoing human studies have been approved, and present studies involve nearly 40 different antiviral or immune system-changing drugs. Although FDA employees are prohibited from discussing the status of drugs under review, under the Freedom of Information Act many of the sponsors of experimental therapies sanctioned the release of some information about their research and were listed by the

FDA in its Drug Bulletin, Volume 17, No. 2, which may be available at your library.

QUESTION: What is cat-scratch disease?

ANSWER: Cat-scratch disease is a common zoonose, a disease that can be passed from animals to humans. It's not a serious disease and is usually self-limited.

About 80 percent to 90 percent of cases of cat-scratch disease happen in people younger than 21. In most cases, a person who has been in contact with a cat has a small cut or scratch that either blisters or crusts over. Within a week, the person has swollen lymph nodes, and the patient may feel tired, listless and lack appetite. The patient may or may not run a mild fever. All symptoms usually are gone in two weeks. On occasion, there are more severe complications, including conjunctivitis and more rarely encephalitis. The disease is almost never fatal.

A cat that carries cat-scratch disease is not ill because the disease organism is normal to cats. Because the disease is not serious and does not occur to everyone who owns a cat, there is no reason to get rid of a pet nor should the animal be quarantined.

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By Smith

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Saadoun predicts oil price will settle around \$15

KUWAIT, Oct 11, (AP): A Kuwaiti economist today predicted that oil prices would settle around \$15 a barrel unless producers radically changed their behaviour by refraining from flooding the world market with oil.

Jassem Al Saadoun, chairman of the Shell Economic Consultancy bureau, also criticised the failure of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to prop up prices.

"Though a possibility exists for the movement of prices between \$15 and \$25 a barrel, I think prices will evolve around the minimum of \$15," Al Saadoun said in a lecture at the Kuwait Graduates Society.

OPEC has been seeking an \$18 per barrel price since December 1986, but a glut in the world oil market keeps a downward pressure on the prices, currently fluctuating between \$12 and \$14 a barrel. The glut is mainly due to overproduction by members of the 13-nation organisation.

Change
"The historical practice of producers in flooding the market with oil will be repeated, barring a radical change in the methods of their handling of oil and oil revenues," Al Saadoun said. "The scramble of producers to obtain higher revenues in a short time will apparently not come to an end."

He blamed weapons purchases by oil producers in the Third World and their development programmes as the reasons for increasing production and the failure to create alternative income sources.

He also blamed the differences inside OPEC as a key reason for the decline in oil prices.

The unexplained disruption of OPEC ranks which began in December 1985, when oil prices plunged to below \$10 a barrel is still in force despite the agreement concluded in October 1986," Al Saadoun said, referring to the OPEC accord to fix the benchmark price at \$18 a barrel.

Oil exporting countries urged not to undercut prices

CAIRO, Egypt, Oct 11, (AP): Oil Minister Abdel-Hady Kandil today urged oil exporting countries to stop undercutting world prices in the rush to sell their crude, saying it was a main reason for the deterioration in oil prices, a newspaper reported.

The afternoon daily Al Misra quoted Kandil as suggesting a meeting of oil producing and oil consuming countries to stop the deterioration in global prices and bring stability in the interest of both groups.

Egypt produces 870,000 barrels a day, half of which is exported. The government's semi-monthly pricing committee has not officially decided its oil export prices for Oct 1-15 but industry sources have said that it is selling crude at a dollar a barrel less than September's prices.

Consumption

"Indications show that there are 3 million barrels produced daily which exceeds world consumption," Kandil said. "I ask that they (oil producing countries) remain committed to the official selling price, and stop the selling policies that they use now because these are a principal cause for the decrease in world oil prices these days," he added, referring to some countries' undercutting of world prices. He did not accuse any country by name.

Indonesia earns more from its gas exports

JAKARTA, Oct 11, (OPEC-IA): Indonesia earned more than \$1.59 billion from its liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports during the first six months of this year, an increase of 29 per cent compared to the same period in 1987.

According to figures released by Bank Indonesia, the central bank, LNG earnings during the first half of last year totalled more than \$1.23 billion. Oil export earnings during the same six months, however, declined to \$2.99 billion, down 1 per cent on the levels of the corresponding period of 1987. The bank attributed the fall in income to oil price fluctuation during the period.

Market debacle reduced the fortunes of many of the ultra-affluent 400

US rich still rich despite Black Monday

NEW YORK, Oct 11, (AP): The stock market crash last year realigned the fortunes of the wealthiest Americans, but the really rich are still really rich, with 51 billionaires on the list — two more than in 1987, a new survey indicates.

Forbes magazine says its annual survey found the 400 wealthiest Americans had a total worth of about \$220 billion at mid-year, enough to wipe out the US government budget deficit, or nearly enough to cover the cost of the entire US military budget, which amounted to \$287 billion in 1987.

Last year's Oct 19 financial market debacle reduced the fortunes of many of the ultra-affluent 400. The magazine dropped 22 people from the list because their fortunes slipped below Forbes' \$225 million cutoff.

Fortune
Still, the average fortune on the list comes to \$551 million, up \$1 million from last year.

The list appears in the Oct 24 edition of Forbes, a leading US business magazine, and is based on holdings as of Aug 30.

Sam Walton, 70, easily held the No. 1 spot for the fourth year in a row, even though his net worth shrank by a whopping \$2 billion following the crash.

Walton, head of the Arkansas-based Wal-Mart discount store empire, scoffs at his \$6.7 billion in riches. He calls it "just paper — all I own is a pickup truck and a little Wal-Mart stock."

By Forbes' estimates of worldwide wealth, Walton rates fifth behind Japan's Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, \$18.9 billion; Taichiro Mori, 18 billion; and Haruhiko Yoshimoto, 7.8 billion; and Canada's Kenneth Cole Irving, 8 billion.

Crash

The number of US billionaires nearly doubled in 1987, but Forbes' current list has only two additional billionaire spots, bringing the total to 51. Japan has the second-highest number of identified billionaires with 34.

Runner-up to Walton on the billionaire list is John Werner Kluge, the German-born head of Metromedia Co. with a net worth of \$3.2 billion.

Next in line are H. Ross Perot, the founder of Electronic Data Systems who wants to overhaul the United States' postal system, with \$3 billion; publishers Samuel I. Jr. and Donald Newhouse, 2.6 billion each; and Pittsburgh industrialist Henry Lea Hillman, 2.5 billion.

Underlining the adage that the more you have, the more you can lose, billionaires were among

those hit hard by the crash.

Among the big losers were David Packard, founder of Hewlett-Packard, media magnate Keith Rupert Murdoch and retailer Leslie Wexner, each of whom suffered losses of up to 50 per cent of their fortunes. Murdoch was on a record, money-making pace in 1987, trebling his net worth to \$2.1 billion before the crash. But his fortune dwindled to 1.2 billion following Black Monday, relegating him to 35th place on the Forbes list, from 8th.

Slipped
Four businessmen slipped to the "lowly" ranks of multi-millionaire when their fortunes sank below \$1 billion: Laurence and Robert Tisch of Loews Corp., each estimated at \$500 million; Milton Petrie, the philanthropist and head of Petrie Stores, 750 million; and Carl Lindner II, 950 million.

William Henry Gates III, who dropped out of Harvard and founded the Microsoft Software Company, remained the youngest self-made billionaire at age 32. His net worth is estimated at 1.1 billion.

Losses
The oldest person new to the list is Mansfield Freeman, who holds a stake in American International Group. With a fortune of 240 million, he made the list for the first time, at age 93.

Among the 52 who disappeared from the list, 22 vanished because of Black Monday-

associated losses, 26 were surpassed by greater fortunes and four died. Among those who were surpassed were real estate and retail barons Herbert and Robert Haft of Washington. The plunge in their Dart group holdings pushed their net worth below the cutoff point.

Another dropout was Steven Spielberg, with an estimated \$225 million fortune in 1987.

The list of the richest, as usual, included Forbes publisher Malcolm Forbes. While not officially disclosing his net worth, the magazine put Forbes in the \$500-million category but cites various published reports that pegged his wealth at between \$400 million and over \$1 billion.

In a throwback to the days of the landed gentry, real estate has become the No. 1 source of wealth for members of the Forbes 400 wealthiest Americans.

Eighty-seven of the Forbes 400 made their fortunes principally from real estate, up from 73 last year, Forbes said.

Following real estate, manufacturing accounted for 75 of the Forbes 400 fortunes, media enterprises for 73, financial operations for 65, oil and gas for 30, retailing for 21, agriculture for 16 and high technology for 15. A variety of sources accounted for the 18 other fortunes.

Polish stands offer sophisticated machines to customers

East bloc firms thumbing nose at Western computer ban

VIENNA, Oct 11, (Reuters): At a recent computer trade fair in Warsaw, Western firms showing technology they were not allowed to sell looked on helplessly as Polish stands offered sophisticated machines to customers.

In Hungary, foreign computers, many subject to export restrictions, are flooding into the country as efficiency-conscious firms hand their high-tech shopping lists to Hungarian tourists visiting the West.

In Czechoslovakia, some organisations desperate for sophisticated computers import their piece by piece from the West, with official approval.

Efficiency
Throughout the East bloc, computer-hungry companies striving for more efficiency under the policy of perestroika (restructuring) advocated by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev are using ingenuity to get around Western export restrictions and their lack of hard currency.

They are being backed by their governments, most of which waive customs duty on foreign-

made computers as an inducement to their people to go out and get them.

According to diplomats in the region, many of the models are Western or Japanese makes banned from export to the East.

They are on a restricted list drawn up by the Paris-based Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM), which aims to stop high-technology Western goods with potential military uses from falling into communist hands.

"A Belgian dealer operating in East Europe complained: 'Our biggest problem is that we need authorisation to export every piece of equipment, down to the smallest part.'

"Meanwhile the stuff is coming in from Taiwan, and from West Berlin, where Poles can go shopping any time," he added.

A recent West Berlin television programme about the East bloc computer trade quoted the director of a Polish computer company, Feliks Sukowski, as saying:

"Because of the difficulties with the COCOM list — no-one

really knows exactly what is allowed and what isn't — we have stopped buying in the West. The same models including software can be got from Taiwan or Hong Kong."

"Western firms that abide by COCOM are suffering big losses," he added.

One Polish dealer was quoted in the programme, Konstraste, as advertising openly that he could deliver any piece of computer equipment available in the West within 14 days.

In Poland, where there are an estimated 250,000 computers operating, citizens can bring them in without paying duty.

Currency
A Western airline representative based in Warsaw said Poles went abroad to earn foreign currency, and many come back with computers or parts for assembly. One customs official at Warsaw airport was quoted in the Konstraste programme as saying 1,200 computers a month on average were coming in by plane.

These can be resold at a large profit to other private citizens or

firms and institutions. A private weekend market in a Warsaw primary school specialises in computer hardware and software, much of the latter pirated copies.

In West Berlin, situated less than 80 km (50 miles) from the Polish border, a number of dealers with Polish-speaking staff have been set up to cope with the traffic from Poland, whose travel policies are among the most liberal in the East bloc.

According to Konstraste, word had got round in Poland that West Berlin customs controls were not particularly strict, and not every customs officer could tell between a highly sophisticated computer and a basic one for playing games.

West Berlin is also the source for some computers needed for official East German use, experts in East Berlin said. If one is needed, someone is sent through the wall to buy it off the shelf, with no customs problems on the way back.

For private citizens, computers can be bought in hard-currency stores by those with

West German relatives, or second hand at staggeringly inflated prices.

In Hungary, a thriving domestic computer industry is unable to cope with demand from firms eager to modernise.

Since most firms lack the hard currency required to buy abroad, they turn to private tourists who have it, either from working abroad or changing it on the black market.

Armed with shopping lists from firms back home Hungarian tourists, who since January 1 do not need visas to visit Austria, have been coming to Vienna, where a number of firms now specialise in the Hungarian trade.

On their return they resell to the firms at a profit in local currency.

In Czechoslovakia, where according to one estimate there are 400,000 computers, of one to every 35 head of population, a temporary customs regulation came into force in February allowing the duty-free importation of computers up to a certain specification.

Eight West European countries have higher labour costs

WASHINGTON, Oct 11, (AP): Factory owners in eight West European countries had to pay higher labour costs (in dollars) than did US manufacturers last year, according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In 1987, the average hourly cost for labour in the United States was \$13.44, the bureau said. It gave the following costs for other countries: Norway 17.39, Switzerland 17.14, West Germany 16.87, the Netherlands 15.46, Sweden 15.12, Belgium 15.02, Denmark 14.56, and Finland 13.52.

In contrast, in 1986, only three West European countries — Switzerland, Norway and West Germany — had higher average hourly labour costs than did the United States.

Labour costs include taxes that employers pay on labour, such as social security payments, as well as spending on private

benefit plans and the actual money that employees find in their pay envelopes.

Labour costs often determine whether a manufacturer will locate facilities in a certain country and what price will be charged.

The bureau report, dated August 1988, was released recently.

The average labour cost for all the countries in the bureau's study was 76 per cent of the US rate, a new high. The 1987 figure was 10 percentage points above the level of 1986. The previous high, set in 1980, was 70 per cent of the US rate.

In general, lower labour costs in the United States would help make US goods cheaper and more attractive on world markets. The lower cost of US labour was due in large part to the drop in the value of the dollar compared to most other currencies.

Japan accounted for a good deal of the overall rise in the average for 1987. In 1975, Japan's labour cost was 3.05 per hour, less than half the US rate. In 1986 it was 9.47. In 1987, it was 11.14, or 83 per cent of the US labour cost. Japan's 1987 labour costs were well above Britain's 8.96, and close to Canada's 11.97.

Japan has been losing some ground to some of its Asian neighbours, the four so-called "little dragons" — the rapidly industrialising South Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore.

In these four countries, labour costs are still low, although they have been rising even faster than those for Japan. South Korean factories spent only \$1.79 per hour last year for labour, but that was a big jump from South Korea's average labour cost in 1975, 35 cents per hour.

Business executives looking for economic slowdown

HOT SPRINGS, VIRGINIA, Oct 11, (AP): One year after the stock market crash, America's business leaders are looking back on a year of surprisingly strong growth and ahead to what in some ways would be a welcome slowdown.

Economists widely expected the economy to topple into a recession this year or at best into a period of sluggishness. Instead, business has been good and many of the executives gathered last weekend for the semi-annual meeting of the Business Council sounded like Roger B. Smith, chairman of General Motors Corp.

Growth
"The US auto industry is just finishing their 1988 model year, which needless to say was a very, very good year for us," said Smith, who in 1989 and 1990 will serve as chairman of the council, composed of 62 chief executives from the country's biggest corporations.

A panel of about 20 economists from member companies is predicting growth this year, as measured by the gross national

product, of 4 per cent. If realised, that would be the best since 1984.

However, economic growth will slow to 2.5 per cent next year and to below 2 per cent in 1990, the panel predicted. They've been making a similar prediction for two years now.

Citicorp chairman John S. Reed, who delivers the council's economic report, said that once again the group's consultants "suggest that next year things will begin to slow down a little bit."

Rates
Even another year of unexpected growth would only "put off for another year the expected slowdown," he said.

But if the economists' under-forecast is correct, the implications should be grim.

The Federal Reserve Board has been pushing up interest rates in an attempt to fight inflation by curbing growth.

If the Fed doesn't see the "soft landing" it desires, it may force rates still higher, precipitating an actual contraction of the economy, a recession, instead of just sluggishness.

Shultz hits trade barriers

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 11, (Reuters): Secretary of State George Shultz said on Monday that the United States, if it is to remain prosperous, needs to repel protectionism and remain fully engaged in the world's economy.

Speaking to a meeting of corporate financial executives, Shultz said a textile trade bill vetoed by President Reagan two weeks ago was an "abominable" piece of legislation.

"The people who would give us a bill like that would lead us down the road to disaster," Shultz said in reply to questions at a meeting of the Financial Executives Institute.

The Financial Executives Institute is an organisation of more than 13,000 senior financial

officers from some 7,000 companies in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

In his veto message, Reagan said the bill, intended to restrict textile imports, would have threatened jobs in American export industries and undermined efforts to obtain a more open trading system. The House last week failed to override the veto.

Advocating full US participation in the world economic system, Shultz said: "Almost everywhere in the world there are movements toward openness, decentralisation, deregulation and privatisation. And more and more countries are co-operating to ensure that they reap the rewards of the expanding global trading system."

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Iraq not responsible for oil price fall: Chalabi

JAKARTA, Oct 11, (Reuters): Iraq denied today its oil production levels were partly responsible for the recent plunge in oil prices. Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi told reporters after talks with Indonesian President Suharto that Iraq's daily output of 2.7 million barrels had not changed since September last year. "Our production was fixed... so the decline in prices can not be attributed to a single barrel from Iraq," he said. On Monday in Lagos, OPEC president Rifaat Lukman named Iraq as one of three main over-producers in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Chalabi, whose country is not part of OPEC's present production quotas, put much of the blame for the recent sharp fall in oil prices to 26-month lows on non-OPEC producers. "We (OPEC) have done enough whereby we kept production low, we kept our ceiling low, and that allowed non-OPEC to jump, jump, jump," he said. "It's about time that they (non-OPEC producers) realise that they have equal responsibility." Chalabi said the problem of production and the distribution of production quotas would be discussed at next week's joint meeting of OPEC's committees in price and long-range strategy. The meeting, which Chalabi earlier said would be in Madrid, will bring together eight OPEC countries, including Iraq. Asked whether Iraq agreed with a recent call by Libya for an emergency meeting, Chalabi said: "No, I feel the solution will be to go for the joint meeting... to start with and this is planned for next week. Why do we jump over to an emergency meeting?" A full OPEC meeting is already scheduled for November 20, but some countries have said an earlier one might be necessary to combat the fall in oil prices. A recent Reuters survey showed total production by the 13-member group was 20.6 million barrels per day in September. This compares with a current output pact for 12 of the 13 members limiting output to 15.05 million barrels daily.

Bank creditors agree to lend more money: Manila

MANILA, Oct 11, (Reuters): The Philippines' commercial creditors have agreed in principle to lend the heavily indebted nation more money. President Corason Aquino's office said today. It said in a statement that the banks decided during a meeting in New York last week, to wait for the Philippines to complete a new financing deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) before reconvening talks in about eight weeks. The Philippines is seeking up to \$2 billion, official sources said. The statement said the Philippine negotiating team held talks in a "positive and co-operative atmosphere" with the bank's 12-member advisory team in New York between October 4 and 6. "The members of the (banking) committee stated their readiness, together with official bilateral and multilateral sources, to provide the financing needed to sustain Philippine economic recovery," it said. The Philippines' external banks accounted for about \$1.5 billion of the country's total \$28.95 billion at the end of April. Manila's Central Bank Governor Jose Fernandez told reporters before the talks began the Philippines faced a \$3.1 billion financing gap during 1988-1989. Today's statement said negotiators in New York had also discussed further restructuring of existing Philippine debt and "various refinancing and debt reduction possibilities." Last December, the Philippines concluded a \$13.2-billion rescheduling package which included a lower interest spread of 7/8 percentage points over the London Interbank Offered Rates from a previous 1-5/8 and a rollover of nearly \$3 billion of trade credits. Representatives of the IMF and the World Bank gave a briefing on Philippine economic developments and prospects to negotiators in New York, the statement said, but gave no details. Before the talks began, foreign banks said they were hesitant to lend new money to the Philippines. Bankers said earlier they wanted certain conditions to go along with any new financing, such as arranging re-lending programmes or tying the release of loan money with progress on World Bank projects. The statement said the talks "reinforced confidence of Philippine officials... that the financing needed to sustain economic reform and recovery would be forthcoming."

Britain gives go ahead for development of Miller oil field

LONDON, Oct 11, (Reuters): Britain today gave the green light for development of the Miller oil and gas field, one of the biggest North Sea reservoirs discovered in recent years. Energy Minister Peter Morrison said in a statement he had approved proposals for the British Petroleum Co PLC £1.16 billion (\$1.98 billion) tract. The Miller field, lying about 140 miles (220 km) off Cruden Bay in northeastern Scotland, was discovered in late 1982. It is estimated to contain recoverable reserves of about 300 million barrels of oil and 173.7 billion cubic metres of gas. Production is targeted to start in December, 1991, with a peak of 113,000 barrels of oil per day within three months. It is the first major field approved since the Piper Alpha platform exploded in July, killing 167 men. Morrison said the deal showed there was still much interest in the North Sea. "Developing Miller is a very significant sign of the confidence which operators continue to have in the North Sea," he said. "It represents a tremendous opportunity for the offshore fabrication industry to win extremely valuable orders." Miller is the 17th, and largest, offshore project approved this year and is one of the biggest new developments since Britain's giant mature North Sea fields such as Brent and Ninian peaked several years ago. Britain, which is seeing some of its most active offshore drilling since a bonanza in the early 1970s, has recently approved mainly small tracts. The industry has been awaiting approval of the Miller project. Morrison said it followed a gas sales agreement which BP and its partners entered with the North of Scotland Hydro-electricity Board. It is the first time full gas output from an offshore field will be delivered to a customer other than British Gas PLC. Morrison said that with Miller, BP would take into account lessons learned from the Piper Alpha accident and preliminary safety suggestions by a government technical inquiry into it.

Chancellor Lawson flayed

LONDON, Oct 11, (Reuters): A former British minister today attacked Chancellor of the Exchequer (finance minister) Nigel Lawson for his economic policy and warned Conservatives on the opening day of their party conference against complacency. "Many commentators argue that the Conservatives are set fair to win the next election," John Biffen wrote in the Times of London. "Such views are comforting for Conservatives but they carry the seeds of complacency." Biffen, a Conservative Member of the Parliament and a former Minister at the Treasury (finance ministry), said the Conservatives, who open their annual party conference in Brighton this morning, should be alarmed by the present level of inflation. "Third-term conservatism will surely fail if it believes its policies are beyond question," Biffen warned in an article entitled "Why Lawson must recant." On Monday night Biffen, speaking on British television, called on Lawson to resign and urged the government to act immediately to halt and reverse the rise in inflation "before electoral considerations close in." His plea came after former Treasury Minister Lord Brittan warned Lawson must be ready to take direct action to curb consumer credit if inflation had not been brought under control by next spring. Inflation was running at an annual 5.7 per cent in August — the highest rate in the Group of Seven major Western industrialised countries — and some economists have forecast a rise to seven per cent soon.

Biffen, sacked by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher after the last general elections in June 1987, criticised Lawson for having made tax cuts in his budget in March, which he said pushed up inflation. "If the Conservative government is to repossess its initiative in economic policy, it must get back to the situation where inflation is falling, and falling well, well below 5.7 per cent," he said on Monday night. He added: "The chancellor has served with great distinction."



Kenneth Y.S. Keh, Taiwan's representative of commercial office in Kuwait (right) and Mrs. Keh shown with Sheikh Ali Jaber Al Sabah, managing director of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) during a reception at Kuwait Hilton on Monday to mark the National Day of Taiwan.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	205.0
ABBET LIFE	305.0	
ADT LTD	135.0	
ALD LYONS	472.0	
AMSTRAD	207.0	
ARGTLL GP	167.0	
ASDA GP	152.0	
BAA	278.0	
BTR	298.0	
BAT INDS	450.0	
BAYCLAYS	22.57	
BASS	786.0	
BEEZER	189.0	
BEEHIVES	470.0	
BEEHIVES	400.0	
BICE PLC	391.0	
BLUE ARMY	90.0	
BLUE CIRC	464.0	
BUC GP	421.0	
BOOTS CO	223.4	
BURB INDS	267.0	
BR COM	219.0	
BR AIRWAY	164.0	
BR AEROSP	479.4	
BR GAS RT	172.5	
BR LAND	345.0	
B.P.	239.0	
B.P.PP	136.0	
BR TELCOM	243.6	
BURMAN OL	539.0	
BURTON	211.0	
CABLESWIR	400.0	
CADBURYS	371.0	
COATS VTY	169.0	
COAT UNI	356.0	
COUS GOLD	267.0	
COUSONS	267.0	
COURTALD	303.0	
DALGETY	326.0	
DIXONS	148.5	
ENG CHINA	512.0	
ENTER OIL	613.0	
FKI BARCK	127.0	
FERRANTI	93.00	
FISONS	254.2	
GEN ALEC	893.0	
GEN ECCID	161.0	
GLAXO	086.0	
GRANADA	25.00	
GLOBE	142.5	
GLIMED	290.0	
GUARD RYL	184.0	
GKN	323.0	
GUINNESS	329.0	
HAWESMA	655.0	
HAWSON	150.0	
HARRISON	540.0	
HUKER SID	279.0	
HILLSDOWN	026.0	
ICI	026.0	

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	748.0	749.0
600 GROUP	112.0	112.0
A.AMER TS	364.0	364.0
A.B.ELECT	449.0	449.0
A.S.W.HLD	195.0	195.0
AAB KENT	73.0	73.0
AAB HLD	253.0	253.0
AARONSON	131.0	131.0
ADDISON	31.4	31.4
ADNET	338.0	339.0
ALEX MKW	160.0	161.0
ALEXON	346.0	346.0
ALLD COLL	133.0	133.0
ALLD IR B	263.0	263.0
ALLD LHM	126.0	126.0
ALLD PLMT	57.0	58.0
ALLIANCE	84.0	84.0
AMBER DAY	52.4	53.0
AMEC	380.0	380.0
AMER TST	132.0	132.0
AMERSHAM	588.0	588.0
ANI HLTHC	239.0	238.0
ANGLIA TV	218.0	217.0
ANSBACHER	83.0	85.0
APPETARD	462.0	460.0
APV PLC	123.0	124.0
ASHLEY.LA	109.0	109.0
ATWOODS	294.0	295.0
AUST REED	370.0	375.0
AUTO SECS	277.0	277.0
AVDEL PLC	72.4	73.0
AVIS EUR	346.0	345.0
AVON RUBB	711.0	712.0
B.E.JENILL	186.0	185.0
BAILL JAP	450.0	452.0
BAILL SHI	76.4	78.0
BALNO CU	236.0	235.0
BANK IRE	263.0	263.0
BANKER IT	77.4	78.0
BARKER DO	141.0	141.0
BART DEV	175.0	176.0
BAYNES C.	31.0	31.0
BBA GROUP	173.4	174.0
BEAR B.VT	4.0	4.0
BEAR BRND	9.4	10.0
BEATTIE J	149.0	150.0
BEJAM GP	157.0	158.0
BELHAVEN	53.0	53.0
BELLWAY	244.0	245.0
BENMOSE	208.0	208.0
BENLOX NO	52.0	53.0
BERKELEY	291.0	292.0
BHMAN NINT	417.0	419.0
BH GROUP	108.0	109.0
BK OF SCO	350.0	351.0
BLCK LE 2	14.6	14.4
BMMET +F	34.0	35.0
BOAKE NAS	237.0	236.0
BOOTH INSH	147.0	146.0
BOOTH SHP	598.0	598.0
BOOTH HMR	393.0	393.0

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
BORTHWICK	55.0	55.0
BR ARROW	108.0	109.0
BR ASSETS	144.0	144.0
BR DREGG	144.0	144.0
BR VITA	229.0	230.0
BRENT CHE	130.0	130.0
BRENT WCR	354.0	354.0
BRIDON	175.0	176.0
BRITAIN SE	170.0	170.0
BRITANNIC	358.0	359.0
BRIXTON E	343.0	344.0
BRTANT GP	138.0	139.0
BSG INTL	61.0	61.4
BSR INTL	66.0	65.0
BULLOUGR	468.0	468.0
BULMER HP	155.0	155.0
CALENDONIA	359.0	360.0
CALOR GRP	392.0	393.0
CAMB ELEC	230.0	231.0
CANFOR E	184.0	184.0
CANNING W	211.0	211.0
CANNON ST	257.0	256.0
CAP.RADIO	385.0	385.0
CARADON	341.0	342.0
CARLON EN	169.0	170.0
CATERALL C	595.0	598.0
CATERALL C	325.0	325.0
CATTLE NO	65.0	65.0
CAULDON	104.0	11.0
CENTL TV	578.0	578.0
CHAM PHRR	156.0	156.0
CHARTERHA	20.0	20.0
CHAS SHR	107.0	107.0
CHLORIDE	52.4	53.0
CHRISTIES	575.0	575.0
CI GROUP	50.0	51.0
CITRIL SEC	53.0	53.0
CITRIL OIL	168.0	167.0
COATES BR	309.0	307.0
COLLINS A	456.0	457.0
COLLINS W	538.0	540.0
COLLOROLL	171.4	172.0
CONNELLS	246.0	247.0
COSTAIN	335.0	335.0
COURTS FR	218.0	220.0
COWIE (T)	137.0	137.0
CRH	138.0	139.0
CRODA INT	192.0	192.0
CRYSTALAT	156.0	156.0
CTRY PROP	254.0	253.0
DARVIS EST	30.4	30.4
DAVID GOR	157.0	156.0
DE LA RUE	481.0	480.0
DELTA CRP	294.0	295.0
DEVERSH	307.0	307.0
DEVIRIST	40.4	41.0
DIPLOMA	220.0	222.0
DOSBON CP	91.4	91.0
DOUGLAS R	293.0	293.0
DOWDINGSH	59.0	59.0
DRYTT GP	227.0	228.0
DRAYTON C	364.0	363.0
DRG	507.0	508.0
DUKEINSTR	72.0	72.0
DUNDEE LD	291.0	291.0
DUNHILL	208.0	210.0
EAGLE TST	14.0	14.0
EDIN I.T	159.0	159.0
ELECTRODN	198.0	198.0
ELLIS EVA	162.0	162.0
EMAP	216.0	216.0
EMPIRE ST	237.0	236.0
ERA GROUP	68.0	68.0
EURO HOME	301.0	300.0
EURTHERM	400.0	400.0
EURLTH UT	326.0	327.0
EURLTH UT	20.0	20.0
EVODE GRP	182.0	182.0
EXPANET	190.0	189.0
F&C ENTER	27.4	27.4
F&C EUKOT	222.0	223.0
F&C FACIT	135.0	136.0
F&C SHILLR	70.0	70.0
FALCON	103.0	100.0
FARNELL E	145.0	145.0
FENNER JH	170.0	170.0
FERGUSON	268.0	268.0
FILMAN GP	88.0	88.0
FIMLAT J	120.0	120.0
FITCHEL VO	282.0	283.0
FLNG ANER	123.0	123.0
FLNG F	180.0	181.0
FLNG IHE	139.0	139.0
FLNG JAP	194.4	196.0
FLNG MERO	180.0	179.4
FLNG TECH	177.4	177.0
FOR SCOL	110.0	110.4
FRESHBKE	263.0	263.0
FRIEDLY ND	424.0	425.0
FROGNORE	278.0	278.0
GERRDSTET	207.0	208.0
GESTINER	53.0	52.0
GRAMPH ND	282.0	282.0
GREEN KIL	457.0	458.0
GREEN W	238.0	236.0
GRETACOT	400.0	400.0
GRUP TV A	48.0	48.0
GT PRTLD	351.0	351.0
GUINNS NA	126.0	125.0
GUS OTR	675.0	700.0
GVTT ATLA	137.0	137.0
GVTT BTRA	229.4	230.0
HALL (N)	137.0	137.0
HALLA	206.0	206.0
HAMBROSE	696.0	695.0
HAWTHIN LE	46.0	46.0
HAZELWOOD	220.0	220.0
HEAT(CCE)	438.0	437.0
HELENE PL	32.4	32.4
HELICAL B	311.0	311.0
HEPMORTH	229.0	229.0

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID	CLOSE
A BSCH COM	32.5	32.6	
ATLANTIC R	79.6	79.5	
AAR CORP	26.0	26.0	
ABBOTT LAB	46.5	46.4	
ACME CLVD	8.7	9.0	
ADV MICRO	8.7	8.5	
AEROPL LAB	7.0	7.0	
AMMANSON	51.4	51.6	
AIR PR-CHN	43.1	43.3	
ALASKA AIR	21.7	21.7	
ALBERTSONS	37.3	37.5	
ALPHA 8-16	0	83.0	
ALCAN ALUM	31.0	31.1	
ALCO STAND	26.1	25.7	
AN CYNAMID	49.4	49.6	
AN ELET PV	27.4	27.5	
AN HOM PRO	83.4	83.4	
AN HOM PRO	79.5	79.7	
AN STINDAR	0	77.7	
AN STORES	56.0	56.1	
AN TEL-YEL	27.0	27.1	
AMOCO CORP	75.1	75.3	
AMP INC	42.7	43.0	
AMP PITT	12.7	12.7	
AMP CORP	48.1	48.3	
AMP GEN CO	34.2	34.2	
AMERADA NE	27.1	27.1	
ANTHEN ELE	10.4	10.4	
APACHE CP	6.6	6.6	
APACHE PET	2.2	2.2	
ARMSTRONG	35.7	35.7	
ASHLAND OIL	34.3	34.3	
ASIA PACIF	6.0	5.7	
ATL CORP	38.4	38.5	
AVERT INC	23.4	23.3	
AVNET INC	20.2	20.3	
AVON PRODS	25.4	25.4	
BCE INC	31.4	31.4	
BELLSOUTH	41.3	41.4	
BELO CP A	0	28.3	
BETH STEEL	22.1	22.2	
BEVERLY	5.6	5.6	
BK BOSTON	27.7	27.7	
BK BOSTN-A	0	43.4	
BK H-YORK	36.5	36.0	
BK TR-NY	38.7	39.0	
BKAMERICA	16.0	15.7	
BKAM SPEC	7.0	6.7	
BOEING CO	65.7	66.1	
BOISE CASG	45.0	45.2	
BND IN GLD	8.2	8.2	
BORDEN	55.7	56.0	
BOATYER	29.0	29.0	
BR TELECOM	41.6	41.7	
BRIGGS-SYR	31.0	31.0	
BRIST-HYR	45.1	45.1	
BRUNSWICK	19.5	19.5	
BURNOT CP	17.3	17.3	
C 3 INC	12.2	12.1	
CABOT CORP	39.4	39.5	
CAESARS RO	26.0	26.1	
CA FREIGHT	25.2	25.2	
CAS NAT BS	14.6	14.5	
CAT-DOCK	27.4	27.4	
CATERPILR	60.1	60.3	
CBT IND	27.2	27.2	
CBT	179.1	180.0	
CENTEL CP	44.4	44.4	
CHAMP INTL	32.3	32.3	
CHAMP SPA	13.4	13.4	
CHARTER CO	4.2	4.1	
CHASE MAN	29.5	29.6	
CHENED CP	0	34.2	
CHEMICAL BK	31.5	31.4	
CHEVRON	44.6	44.7	
CHRYSLER	25.0	24.7	
CHUBB CORP	58.4	58.6	
CHUR FR CH	6.6	6.7	
CIGNA CORP	53.3	53.3	
CIN NILLAR	23.0	23.1	
CIR CIT ST	45.0	45.0	
CIRCLE K	13.5	13.4	
CITICORP	25.4	25.5	
CLARK EQUI	30.6	30.5	
CLOROX	32.4	32.4	
CNPILL RES	0	1.00	
CNPILL SP	31.4	31.7	
CNP PACIFIC	17.6	17.6	
COACHEN	10.2	10.2	
COCA-COLA	31.4	31.6	
COLECO	43.0	43.1	
COLEMAN CO	40.7	40.5	
COLG-PALM	47.0	47.2	
COM EDISON	31.4	31.4	
COMAGRA	31.5	31.6	
COM EDISON	45.3	45.4	
CONTINENTAL	39.3	39.4	
CONTEL ILL	0	0.01	
CONTEL CP	38.0	38.0	
CONTRA DATA	22.4	22.4	
COOPER T-R	25.4	25.7	
COOPER COR	7.1	7.5	
CORNING GL	63.3	63.7	
CRANE	24.6	24.6	
CRAY RES	68.7	68.6	
CULLINET	5.6	5.6	
DANIEL IND	8.5	8.6	
DATA GEN	20.1	20.1	
DATAPOINT	5.0	4.7	
DAYTON HLD	41.5	41.6	
DEC	88.7	88.1	
DEERE-CO	48.4	49.0	
DELTA AIR	50.3	50.2	
DIAMOND SH	14.5	14.5	

International Bond Highlights

London — Mercedes Benz Credit Corp. a unit of Daimler-Benz AG, is issuing a 150 mln dir Eurobond due Nov 3, 1992 paying nine pct end priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Deutsche Bank capital markets said. (RTTU 1359)

Frankfurt — Australian Industry Development Corp is issuing a 200 mln mark, 10-year Eurobond with a 6-7/8 pct coupon priced at 101-1/2, lead manager Commerzbank AG said. (RTTU 0856)

London — Swedish export credit (SEK) is issuing a 100 mln dir Eurobond due Oct 31, 1990 paying 8-7/8 pct and priced at 101-1/8 pct, lead manager Nikko Securities Co (Europe) Ltd said. (RTTU 1503)

London — The Commonwealth of Australia will call its 600 mln US dir floating rate note launched in 1986 in Nov 1989, Federal Treasurer Paul Keating said. (RTUP 1528)

Tokyo — Hokuriku Electric Industry Co Ltd said it will issue 100 mln marks in bonds with warrants through public placement with Nomura Europe GmbH as lead manager. The coupon was indicated at 2-1/4 pct. (RTVZ 0815, RTXF 0827)

London — The World Bank is issuing a 500 mln Swedish crown Eurobond due Nov 15, 1993 paying 10-1/2 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, Bookrunner Enskilda Securities, London said. (RTXU 0859)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 11-1/2 3/8	11-7/8 13/16	11-7/8 13/16
FFT 4.80/85	4.85/90	5.05/10
PAR 7-1/16 3/16	7-1/2 5/8	7-11/16 13/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/8 3-5/8	3-5/8 3-7/8
BRX 7.20	7-1/8 3/16	7-3/16 5/16
ROM 10-1/4 10-3/4	11 11-1/2	11-1/4 11-3/4
AMS 4.25/75	5.25/35	5.37/47
TOX 4.0000 0625	4.2500 3125	4.3750 6375
ECU 7.00 7.25	7.25 7.37	7.43 7.56

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Oct 11, (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today:

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-1/16	6-3/8
3 months	6-5/16	6-5/8
6 months	6-3/8	6-3/4
1 year	6-3/8	6-13/16

BOMBAY

PR-CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	71	69	68 HICO	670	655	660
ACC	257.50	250	257	GNFC	55	55	55	55	107
ASIA PAINT	195 187.50	195	GRASIM	115	116	120	MOCL	820	790
BAJAJ AUTO	352.50 347.50	367.50	50	50	50	50	50	50	815
BOM. RAYON	325	320	310	INDOVAR	120	120	119	PFIZER	83
BOR. DYING	127.50	125	135	HINDCO	115	110	111.50	PRE-AUTO	44.50
BR. BOND	122	120	118	WINDMOT	31.75	3.50	31	RAYMOND	62
BSE INDEX	695.90	704.80	704.80	IND ORG	41	39	42.50	RELIANCE	203
CENTURYSPG	1220	1210	1220	INDVARON	260	257.50	248.75	SPIC	50
COLATE	287.50	286.75	286.75	ITC	62	60	60	STOWILLS	370
DEEPAKERT	46.50	46	45	JYSKINT	86.25	82	84	TATA PWR	372
EL. HOTEL	52.50	55	50	L AND T	143	140	138	TATACHEN	100.50
ESKAYEET	141.25	142.50	140	MAHINDRA	98	93	97	TISCO	732.50
ESSAR	24.50	23	25	MAHINDRA	14.50	14	14.75	TISCO	960
GAR. POLY	91	89	89	MAHINDRA	115	100	117.50	VOLTAS	460
GE. SHIP	40	38	37.75	NATHER PL	115	100	117.50	VOLTAS	460

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	188.0	188.5
ALLIANZ VR	1701.0	1722.0
BADENWERK	179.0	178.0
BASF	275.0	278.5
BAYER	305.8	310.1
BAYER HYP	381.0	385.0
BAYER VER	322.0	323.5
BIF	422.0	439.0
BNU	516.5	521.0
COMMERZBK	249.0	254.0
CONTI GUM	252.1	253.5
DATHEI BEN	703.5	709.2
DEUTSCH BHK	538.0	546.7
OLV	382.0	382.0
DRESDNER B	299.5	304.0
DT BARCOCK	167.5	168.5
FALZ INDEX	525.93	529.13
FELDMUEHLE	279.5	282.0
GOLDSCHMID	513.5	517.0
HARPER	419.0	425.0
HOECHST AG	301.5	305.5
HOECHST	159.1	160.3
KALFOT	408.5	410.0
KALFOT	408.5	410.0
KLOECK H	139.0	140.0
KLOECK W	108.5	108.0
LIFFE	685.0	691.0
LUFTHANSA	150.2	155.5
MAN	216.5	220.9
MANHESMAN	175.8	178.0
MERCEDES	575.0	586.5
METALLGES	299.5	302.5
NIXDORF PF	397.0	398.1
NORSK HYD	28.20	28.00
PHILIP KOM	617.0	617.5
POSCHE	582.0	585.0
PREUSSAG	185.0	185.0
RHEINMETAL	264.0	262.8
RHEINMETAL	233.0	233.0
RWE P	215.7	215.0
SALAMANDER	278.5	277.5
SCHERING	548.0	555.0
SEL	287.0	286.5
SIEMENS	486.0	496.0
THYSEN	161.7	160.8
VARTA	290.0	296.0
VEBA	264.2	267.7
VEW	159.4	159.7
VOLKSWAGEN	293.0	298.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.40	15.20
CHUNG K	7.50	7.60
CHINA GAS	16.90	16.80
CHINA L-P	15.90	16.00
CHINA MTR	22.90	23.30
CHINA PROP	2.75	2.70
EVEREST IND	1.50	1.50
GEN EAST C	1.75	1.70
GEN ORIENT	0.44	0.40
H C DEVELOP	8.80	8.55
H S INDEX	571.61	566.42
HANG LUNG	5.20	5.20
HANG SENG	28.10	28.10
HAW PAR BR	9.70	9.70
HK ELEC CO	7.10	7.15
HK KOWALD	8.05	8.10
HK LAND CO	8.35	8.40
HK SHAN BK	6.35	6.35
HK TELE CO	4.47	4.47
HUTCH WHAM	5.30	5.10
IND SO PAC	12.40	12.60
JARDINE M	13.70	13.70
KOWALD M	8.40	8.60
NEW WORLD	11.70	11.70
PAUL Y CON	2.65	2.72
REALTY DEV	6.90	6.60
S H K CO	1.95	1.92
S H K PROP	11.40	11.50
SINE DARY	2.22	2.20
STELUX NFG	2.77	2.87
SWIRE PAC	17.80	18.00
V I B CO	13.80	13.80
AI CHEUNG	3.70	3.70
AMION BANK	1.54	1.54
CKO HARD	0.75	0.75
ROCK MARI	0.15	0.15
WORLD INTL	3.85	3.85

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE HIGHER BUT OFF PEAKS
TOKYO, OCT 11, REUTER - SHARE PRICES RECOVERED SOME EARLIER LOSSES TO END THE DAY HIGHER BUT STILL OFF THEIR EARLY MORNING PEAKS, BROKERS SAID.

"MOST INVESTORS ARE STILL NOT IN THE MARKET," SAID BRUCE BARBOCK, A MARKET ANALYST AT PRUDENTIAL-BACHE SECURITIES (JAPAN) LTD.

"YOU HAVE A LOT OF THINGS COMING TO A HEAD NOW," HE SAID. "THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 211.33 POINTS, OR 0.78 PCT, TO 27,469.60. IT WAS UP 85.95 POINTS ON FRIDAY. THE MARKET WAS CLOSED FOR A NATIONAL HOLIDAY ON MONDAY."

VOLUME WAS A THIN 650 MLN SHARES AGAINST 500 MLN. THE FIRST SECTION INDEX, TOPIX, ROSE 12.02 POINTS TO 2,113.97 AFTER A 5.64-POINT GAIN ON FRIDAY.

RISER FELL FALLS BY TWO TO ONE.

ADVANCES WERE LED BY SECURITIES HOUSE, RAILWAY/BUS, PHARMACEUTICAL, RETAIL, GAS, SHIPPING, RUBBER, FISHERY, CREDIT/LEASE AND REAL ESTATE STOCK. THE ONLY SECTORS TO DECLINE WERE COMMUNICATIONS, PULP/PAPER, AIRLINE, NON-LIFE INSURANCE AND SOME MANUFACTURING SHARES.

THE INDEX ROSE TO A HIGH OF 27,579.96 POINTS IN EARLY TRADE AFTER WALL STREET REACHED A POST-CRASH HIGH OVERNIGHT IN FOLLOW THROUGH FROM FRIDAY'S RALLY.

SHARE PRICES WERE BOOSTED BY FRIDAY'S REPORT OF A SMALLER-THAN-EXPECTED RISE IN U.S. SEPTEMBER EMPLOYMENT, ALLAYING FEARS OF INFLATION AND HIGHER INTEREST RATES IN THE U.S. AND PUTTING SOME DOWNWARD PRESSURE ON THE DOLLAR.

THIS TAKES PRESSURE OFF JAPAN TO RAISE RATES TO DEFEND ITS CURRENCY AND STEADY POSSIBLE IMPORTED INFLATION.

THE SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK FOR CURRENCY, INTEREST RATES AND OIL PRICES ALL POINT TO A STRONG MARKET, BUT INVESTORS ARE PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERNAL PROBLEMS, BROKERS SAID. THESE INCLUDE AN UNFAVOURABLE SUPPLY/DEMAND SITUATION, THE EMPEROR AND CAPITAL GAINS TAX AND INSIDER TRADING DEVELOPMENTS.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, OCT 11, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED SLIGHTLY HIGHER AS INVESTORS CONSOLIDATED THEIR POSITIONS AFTER RALLIES IN THE PAST TWO SESSIONS, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FINISHED 5.19 POINTS HIGHER AT 2,571.61 AND THE BROADER BASED HONG KONG INDEX WAS UP 2.92 TO 1,693.56. TURNOVER TOTALLED 1.04 BILLION H.K. DLS AGAINST YESTERDAY'S 1.18 BILLION.

"INVESTORS ARE NOW BECOMING MORE SELECTIVE AFTER A FLURRY OF PANIC BUYING YESTERDAY," SAID AN EUROPEAN FUNO MANAGER.

"HOWEVER, THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER RISES AND THE HANG SENG INDEX SHOULD AT LEAST RISE ABOVE 2,600," HE ADDED.

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	0.58 0.57
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	0.50 0.50
ARAB BANK	
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	
ARAB INSURANCE	1.45 1.50
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.90 0.90
ARAB INT. UNION IHS	0.98 0.98
ARAB INT. UNION IHS	0.90 0.99
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.58 0.58
ARAB JOR/INVT/BK	2.10 2.10
ARAB PAPER CO/TRADE	0.30 0.31
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	0.76 0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65 1.65
ARABIAN SEAS IHS.	
BANK OF JORDAN	
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00 0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.00 EK
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05 1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	
DAR ALDANA DV/INV.	
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	3.55 3.95
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39 2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.30 1.30
GENERAL MINING.	
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.75 0.75
HOLY LAND IHS.	1.27 1.27
IND. MATCH JENDO	
INDSTR. DEVLPT BNC	1.50 1.45
INDSTR. INVEST.	0.75 0.75
INDSTR. INVEST.	
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.84 0.84
ISLAVIC INV. HOUSE	0.64 0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	
J. TOUR-SR COMPLEX	0.79 E4
JERUSALEM IHS.	1.26 1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.00 14.00
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.19 1.19
JOR EAGLE IHS.	25.01 25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.05 1.05
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50 2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	
JOR IHS AND FIN.	1.20 1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.58 0.57
JOR LIM BRICK	
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50 0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	
JOR PAPER CARDBORD	
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.52 2.52
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.24 1.24
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	2.00 2.15
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	4.00 4.00
JOR SECURIT CORP	0.74 0.75
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.60 4.60
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00 1.00
JOR. PETROLEUM REF	
JOR. FRENCH IHS.	
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.29 0.29
JORDAN DAIY	
JORDAN GULF BANK	
JORDAN INSURANCE	0.94 0.95
JORDAN ISLAMIC BHK	13.85 13.90
JORDAN KUMAT BANK	1.62 1.62
JORDAN TANNING	1.93 1.97
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.62 0.62
MACH/VEH/RENT/MAIN	0.75 0.75
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69 0.73
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60 0.40
MIDDLE EAST IHS	60.00 60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.67 0.74
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.75 1.78
NAT/CABEL/WIRE/PMF	1.00 0.99
NATIONAL ALHIA IHS	1.24 1.30
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.40 0.38
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.67 0.67
NATIONAL STEEL	2.46 2.48
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25 0.28
PETRA BANK	1.90 2.00
PETRA JOR. IHS.	0.35 0.35
PHILADELPHIA IHS.	0.92 0.92
RAFA INDUSTRIAL	0.75 0.75
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.42 0.42
SHIPPING LINES	0.85 0.86
SPINNING WEAVING	
THE HOUSING BANK	1.87 1.80
UNITED INSURANCE	0.98 0.98
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	
UNIVERSAL IHS.	0.65 0.64
WOODEN INDUSTRIES	0.68 0.68
YARMOLK INSURANCE	1.16 1.18

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	LC-B	LC-C	LC-D	LC-E	LC-F
AC-A	9.30	9.40	9.40	LC-A	.45	.45	.46	.46	.46
ANS	2.44	2.46	2.48	LC-B	.31	.32	.33	.33	.33
GLO	30.50	31.00		LC-C	.32	.33	.33	.33	.33
PLDT	205.00	206.00	205.00	LC-D	.013	.014	.015	.015	.015
KPSI-A	2.24	2.30	2.18	LC-E	.013	.014	.015	.015	.015
KPSI-B				LC-F	.0028	.0032	.0032	.0032	.0032
SMC-A	137.00	138.00	138.00	LC-A	.45	.46	.46	.46	.46
SMC-B	229.00	230.00	230.00	LC-B	.43	.44	.44	.44	.44
MINING SECTOR				LC-C	.44	.45	.45	.45	.45
APX-A	.024	.025	.026	LC-D	.009	.0095	.0095	.0095	.0095
APX-B	.024	.025	.026	LC-E	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012
AT-A	20.50	20.75	21.50	LC-F	.0028	.0032	.0032	.0032	.0032

Makati Stock Market Report

SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM-IND.	2,691,940	9,291,645	845.86	3.86 UP
MINING	152,263,800	12,821,650	4,156.11	37.51 ON
OIL	139,550,000	2,229,400	4.75	UNCHANGED
TOTAL	294,505,740	24,342,695	716.11	0.31 DN

PHILIPPINES MANILA

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	LC-B	LC-C	LC-D	LC-E	LC-F
AC-A	9.30	9.40	9.40	LC-A	.45	.45	.46	.46	.46
ANS	2.44	2.46	2.48	LC-B	.31	.32	.33	.33	.33
GLO	30.50	31.00		LC-C	.32	.33	.33	.33	.33
PLDT	205.00	206.00	205.00	LC-D	.013	.014	.015	.015	.015
KPSI-A	2.24	2.30	2.18	LC-E	.013	.014	.015	.015	.015
KPSI-B				LC-F	.0028	.0032	.0032	.0032	.0032
SMC-A	137.00	138.00	138.00	LC-A	.45	.46	.46	.46	.46
SMC-B	229.00	230.00	230.00	LC-B	.43	.44	.44	.44	.44
MINING SECTOR				LC-C	.44	.45	.45	.45	.45
APX-A	.024	.025	.026	LC-D	.009	.0095	.0095	.0095	.0095

Gold price eases**Japanese selling leaves the dollar weaker**

LONDON, Oct 11. (Reuters): Heavy Japanese selling of the dollar left America's currency looking weak today.

Oil prices slipped a little after a rebound from recent 26-month lows. The price of gold also eased.

Stock markets were mixed with Wall Street's Dow Jones industrial average down 12.45 points at 2,146.1 at New York's midday.

The spotlight in world markets returned to the dollar which closed in London at 131.05 yen after 132.20 on Monday.

The bullish sentiment really has evaporated from the dollar, said a chief European dealer for a US bank.

Japanese institutional investors sold dollars in what dealers said was partly a belated reaction after a long holiday weekend to US August employment figures on Friday.

These showed fewer Americans than expected were finding new jobs. It looked as if the US economy was not overheating to the extent that higher inflation would need a rise in interest rates, of the kind likely to attract funds to dollar assets.

Traders also speculated that US August trade figures due on Thursday would show a widening of the American trade deficit.

The dollar closed in Europe at 1.8525 West German marks, down from Monday's closing 1.8540.

Sterling remained firm despite

dealer reports of Bank of England sales to brake its ascent. It ended at 3.1819 marks, up from 3.1761 on Monday. It fetched \$1.7180.

A weekend comment by Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson that he would be likely to raise interest rates to stop any new run on sterling underpinned the British currency.

World spot crude oil prices stayed on a rollercoaster.

A risk rebound from last week's two-year lows was prompted on Monday by a Saudi Arabian pledge of loyalty to OPEC and statement that it would stop overproducing oil if other OPEC sellers also stuck by their mandated output quotas.

Typical North Sea Brent crude for loading in December traded as high as \$12.73 early today, up nearly a dollar from last week, then eased to be quoted around \$12.50 on revived concern about the present glut.

Investor perceptions about the dangers of inflation were influenced by the oil price.

Gold, the favoured hedge against inflation, began to be sold when it was at \$410 an ounce and slipped to an afternoon setting in London's bullion market at \$407.25.

Wall Street stocks, however, eased as some investors took profits from a rally last week and the bond market fell.

The slip on Wall Street and the strength of sterling, which could pinch British exporters, depressed London shares. Share values

also ended lower in Frankfurt. The Tokyo stock market had earlier advanced, then slipped from the day's peak.

In London, most issues were lower on the day apart from a scattering of mainly speculative stocks, indicating investors' unwillingness to push prices with any conviction ahead of UK economic data this week, dealers said.

The strength of sterling this morning prompted the Bank of England to intervene to restrain its rise. But the currency's gains were seen as a negative factor for the leading international firms whose exports would become more expensive.

Glaxo was down 14p to 1,090 and ICI off 12p to 1,025 while Beecham lost 10p to 469, partly on fading bid talk. The FTSE 100 share index at 1500 GMT was down 4.5 points to 1,839.6.

Developments
Dealers said that barring unforeseen developments, such as bids, investors are likely to do little ahead of this week's UK figures which include the release on Friday of industrial production data for August and September's retail prices index.

Some analysts are warning that the retail prices index for September could show inflation rising as much as 0.5 per cent during the month to give an annual inflation rate approaching six per cent.

Stores group Sears topped the active list today with volume of 24 million shares on talk that a

large UK industrial conglomerate might make a bid. The shares were up to 7p to 141, although some analysts were sceptical about a bid emerging.

Some analysts said part of today's volume in Sears might be due to sales by investors who picked up Sears stock on bid talk some time ago.

"On balance, I feel the current level of Sears is probably too high for a bid which is why I'm happy to recommend selling into strength," one analyst said.

Next was also active on turnover of 10.4 million shares by 1535 GMT. The shares fell 2p to 182 although they firmed to 192 in early trading after jewellery retailer Ratners said it will buy some of Next's jewellery activities for £135 million. Ratners is to part-fund the purchase through an £80 million Rights issue.

The Rights issue news knocked 24p from Ratners' share price which dropped to 192 this afternoon. The cash call is on a one-for-four basis and priced at 175p per new share.

Dealers said the Rights issue from Ratners and speculation of more to come from other companies was partly responsible for the generally gloomy tone to the market today.

Abhey Life fell 8-1/2p to 305-1/2 on rumours the company may be thinking about a Rights issue in preparation for an overseas bid. Some analysts are also taking into account the slower growth in UK house prices and

the effect it could have on endowment-backed mortgages offered by Life Insurers.

Dealers point out that Abbey Life is due to report first-half figures tomorrow and most analysts predict a substantial rise in the dividend. Other life insurers saw Legal and General down 6p to 305 and Pearl steady at 468.

Glass and packaging group Redfearn jumped 69p to 535 after OVS investments of Australia said it would sell 29.9 per cent of the company at a minimum price of 520p per share. Redfearn later settled back to 529 just before the close.

OVS also said that if no tenders are received or none are acceptable, it intends to make a full cash offer for Redfearn at 520p per share.

Revived bid speculation helped lift the building materials sector with Blue Circle up 6p to 465 and Pilkington a penny firmer at 221. "They're very old (bid) stores but if they move the shares, they move the shares," one dealer said.

Electronics group Ferranti was again active with over 13 million shares changing hands for a 2-1/2p fall to 93p. Traders said there was still good two-way business in the issue with holders of stock willing to sell after recent underperformance and buyers happy to take stock on hopes of near-term improvement.

Other electronics issues saw Amstrad down 2-1/2p to 207-1/2 and Plessey a penny easier at 162.

Luxembourg bank indicted in money laundering case

TAMPA, Fla. Oct 11. (Reuters): The Luxembourg-based Bank of Credit and Commerce International and 84 people have been indicted on charges they took part in a worldwide drug money laundering ring. US customs officials said today.

"It is the first time an entire international financial institution and its important members have been indicted," in a money laundering case, US customs service commissioner William von Raab said in a statement.

Customs officials said the alleged ring laundered more than \$32 million in drug profits for Colombia's Medellin Cartel, believed responsible for up to 80 per cent of the cocaine shipped into the United States.

Employees
The Bank of Credit and Commerce International was founded in the early 1970s by a Middle Eastern consortium and is primarily involved in financing international business deals and providing letters of credit. The bank operates nine offices in the United States, Britain and France, officials said.

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The indictment stemmed from a two-year investigation in which US undercover agents penetrated the suspected money laundering operation, customs officials said.

Top British and French drug enforcement officials also played key roles in the investigation, codenamed Operation C-Chase.

"Operation C-Chase is the most important money-laundering case in US customs history," Von Raab said.

Officials said 39 suspects were arrested over the weekend in the United States and several other countries.

Nine people, including several former and present employees of the bank, were arrested in Tampa after they were lured to a fake wedding by an undercover agent posing as a money launderer, officials said.

Federal prosecutors said they were seizing up to 40 bank accounts and had obtained a restraining order preventing the bank from removing any of its assets from the United States.

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of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service.

Suspects in the case were charged with drug money laundering and income tax conspiracy.

"Drug traffickers and those who move their proceeds respect no national frontiers, and international initiatives which strike at the very heart of the organisations and those who mastermind them add a new dimension to the investigative effort," Brian Ugwin, a senior British customs official, told reporters in Tampa.

Prosecutors said law-enforcement officials searched the bank's offices in Miami, Paris and London. They described the bank as the seventh largest privately-held financial institution in the world.

Indictment
Named as defendants in the indictment were the bank holding company BCCI Holdings SA and two subsidiaries, Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA and Bank of Credit and Commerce International (Overseas) Ltd.

The individual defendants include some of the bank's top managers: Akbar A. Bilgrami, director of the Latin American division in Miami; Amjad Awan, assistant director of the division; Syed Aftab Hussain, operations officer in Panama City; Nazir Chino, regional manager for Europe and Africa, based in Paris; Ian Howard, the bank's French country manager based in Paris; Asif Baakza, manager of the bank's corporate unit and Saad Shafi, country manager in the Bahamas.

Twenty customs agents took part in the investigation, which also involved the Federal Bureau

Abu Ghazaleh chairs board meeting**ASPIP plans to honour Al Khalid, chamber chief**

THE Board of Directors of the Arab Society for the Protection of Industrial Property (ASPIP) has agreed to present a shield of honour to Kuwaiti Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khalid and to the chairman of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Abdel Aziz Hamed Al Saqr.

The officials will be honoured for their efforts in industrial property protection and their support for Arab economic organisations.

The board held its regular meeting on Monday in Kuwait under the chairmanship of Talal Abu Ghazaleh.

Awareness
The agenda covered enhancing the role of Arab professionals in international organisations as well as developing a greater sense of awareness among professionals.

The board announced the election of new members Habib Bourguiba Jr. (Tunis), presently a lawyer-consultant on trademarks, patents and industrial property and Dr Abdel Rasoul Abdel Rida, chairman, Department of Legal Advice and Legislation (Kuwait), in his personal capacity, and Moudif El Dih (Egypt), a leading lawyer and expert on industrial property protection.



The Board of Directors of the Arab Society for the Protection of Industrial Property.

The board also decided to maintain its policy to establish national societies, using ASPIP in Jordan and ASPIP in Egypt as models, to bridge the gap in this important field and to develop

the role of Arabs internationally. The board also recommended that Arab countries update their industrial property laws and offered to continue to advise the government agencies on the subject.

Other items on the agenda included various administrative, financial and membership status reports. The board's next meeting will be in Oman. ASPIP has endorsed plans to organise the first Arabic language training course on industrial property protection, in co-operation with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).

Sagging oil price worries North Sea oilmen

ABERDEEN, Scotland, Oct 11. (Reuters): A new slide in the petroleum market has come at a bad time for Britain's North Sea oil industry, which is just picking itself up after the price crash in 1986.

It has to cope with the legacy of the world's worst offshore oil accident — an explosion which wrecked the North Sea's Piper Alpha platform on July 6 killing 167 men.

The accident threw a pall over the industry. Some oilmen have begun to look for other jobs.

The government, citing free market principles, refuses to help the OPEC organisation to defend petroleum prices by curbing British North Sea output.

This is now around 2.3 million barrels daily, almost half the level of Saudi Arabia's current production.

Bitter

But people in Aberdeen, the British oil capital, have bitter memories of the 1986 crash when OPEC also abandoned restraint on its production and, in a general collapse, North Sea prices fell 60 per cent.

As renewed OPEC overproduction leads prices down again, they fear a replay of a crisis that cost one in five British oil workers their jobs.

At risk may be a North Sea recovery which, in recent months, has seen the most active drilling in the region since the early 1970s.

"For sale" signs, a regular sight on Aberdeen's granite buildings, have been coming down. Oil jobs have risen by 5,000 from 1987 lows of 40,000, and the number of exploration and appraisal rigs in commission has soared from 13 to 30.

The Grampian regional council recently predicted that, with 39 oilfields now producing and 11 more under development, 60 more could be developed over the next 25 years.

Oil jobs could return to past peaks of 52,000 by 1996.

Many people fear this won't

happen if prices sink further, says David Black, who tracks North Sea oil for stockbrokers County Natwest Wood Mackenzie.

Technology

He said new technology and cost-cutting during the 1986 slump taught oil multi-nationals like Royal/Dutch Shell and British Petroleum (BP) how to drill with oil prices below the \$15 to \$18 previously thought economically viable.

The industry got used to volatile prices.

A weak dollar, however, compounds the problem for British oil. Current exchange rates mean the present price of between \$11 and \$12 a barrel could be worth 20 per cent less in sterling than slightly weaker prices which ruled in 1986.

"If it continues like this they will have to evaluate the economics of new fields," Black said. First projects to be shelved would be larger oil or gas fields worth \$1.5 billion or more in capital costs.

Prices
Other analysts, however, such as Angus Nicolson at the Scottish Development Agency, argue that the industry is now better placed to live with appreciably weaker prices.

He says new projects take several years to develop and that big oil companies are not concerned with today's prices.

He also contends that most of the new reservoirs to be tapped in the next 10 years are small fields that can be developed using sub-sea or floating production facilities — cheaper than the fixed installations used in giant fields like Brent and Ninian which were started in the 1970s.

A lot of potential North Sea development in coming years will produce gas, more stable in price than crude oil.

The Piper Alpha accident meanwhile threw a spotlight on the perils of work in the hostile waters of the North Sea.

Unions say hundreds of men

have quit the industry and say others would follow if they could find other work. "Many people now are scared of the risks," said Campbell Reid, secretary of the Inter-Union Offshore Oil Committee which covers some 10,000 men.

The government launched a technical inquiry into the Piper Alpha incident which has already made some preliminary

recommendations to operators. Nicolson saw a remote possibility that development of new fields might lag as firms await the inquiry's conclusions. He did not expect any radical platform design changes, and said that the preliminary suggestions, such as installing emergency shut-off valves on pipelines, gave firms time to amend budgets.

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WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Oct 11. (Reuters): Share prices closed higher in light trade with the market propped up by strong gains in gold and resources sectors but with industrial stocks lacklustre. The All Ordinaries index rose 8.6 points to 1,543.3.

TOKYO: Shares recouped earlier losses to end the day higher but off morning peaks, with one broker saying most investors were still not in the market. The Nikkei index rose 211.33 points, 0.78 pct, to close at 27,469.60.

HONG KONG: Prices closed slightly higher as investors consolidated positions after rallies in the past two sessions. The Hang Seng index finished 5.19 points higher at 2,571.61.

BOMBAY: Prices drifted lower on renewed profit-taking after the government took measures to prevent speculative sales of old shares which include dividends to buy new shares.

FRANKFURT: Prices closed lower in active trading as investors took profits on the market's rise to record 1988 highs yesterday. The real-time 30-share DAX index closed at 1,271.31, 1.2 pct off the close yesterday.

Interest rate hike seen likely**Turkish lira plunges to record low**

ISTANBUL, Oct 11. (Reuters): The Turkish lira plunged to a record low to the dollar today in hectic trading in bank dealing rooms and crowded alleys in the Istanbul bazaar.

Senior bankers held urgent talks on the currency collapse with Central Bank officials in Ankara and monetary sources predicted that measures to halt the slide would include the freeing of deposit interest rates.

The lira fell below 1,930 to the dollar on the interbank market, and shouted deals between bazaar street traders bid the currency even lower.

Prices
"The prices have gone crazy," said bazaar trader Ali Hosgur after the dollar touched 1,970 lira at one point.

"Traders are close to tears. Whoever sells foreign exchange is left with Turkish lira in his hands," Hosgur wailed.

Bankers fixed an official lira rate of 1,838 for Wednesday, down 2.65 per cent from 1,790 for Tuesday. The official rate has fallen 12.8

per cent since the interbank market was inaugurated on September 14 as part of measures leading to a flotation of the lira. "The market is hectic and we don't know at what price to sell or buy," said the chief dealer at a bank in Istanbul, Turkey's commercial capital.

Intervention

The Central Bank intervened heavily on Monday morning, supporting the lira by selling about \$85 million in its first-ever open intervention.

But dealers were startled and their confidence broken when the official rate was fixed sharply lower in the afternoon.

"The Central Bank wants to stabilise the market and bring the official rate up to the black market rate, but tahtakale (the bazaar) raises the price at the same rate. It's a vicious circle," the dealers said.

Both banks and individuals bought dollars in the bazaar in anticipation of further lira falls, but dollar sellers could not match the demand, dealers said.

The amount of foreign currency held by Turks has shot up. Newspaper comparisons show money in dollars or gold makes more profit than investing in Istanbul's fledgling stock exchange, a key to the government's hopes of economic restructuring.

Deficit

The lira has been hit by inflation, running at 81.8 per cent a year at the end of September, which in turn is fed by Turkey's burgeoning budget deficit, up 163 per cent to 1.711 billion lira (\$1 billion) in the first seven months of the year.

A February package of austerity measures to support the lira hiked interest rates but spending cuts were not deep enough, partly because of "election economics" ahead of a September 25 referendum and local polls due next year.

Prime Minister Turgut Ozal has said there will be no sharp measures to deal with Turkey's soaring inflation, despite warnings from the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

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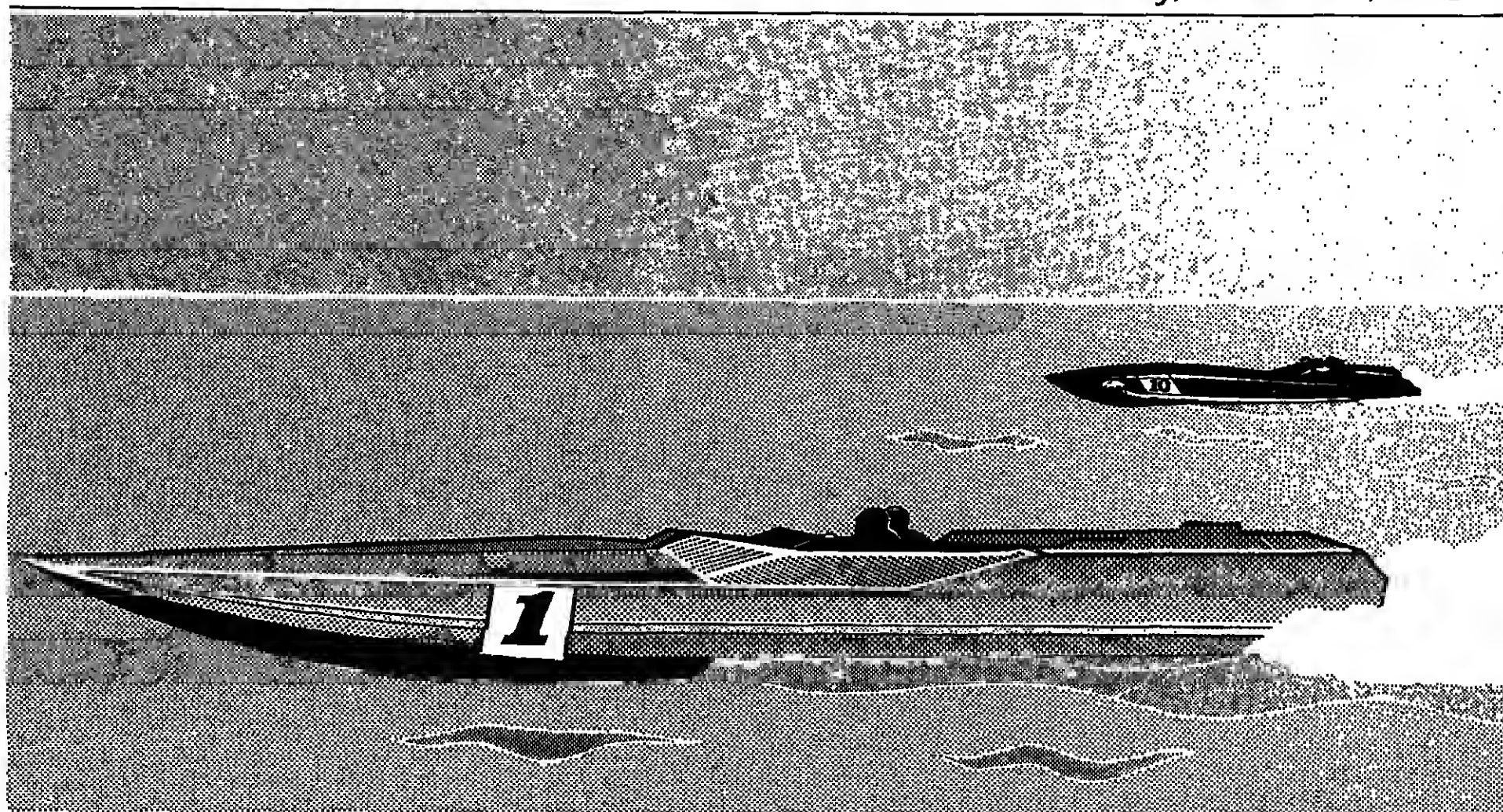
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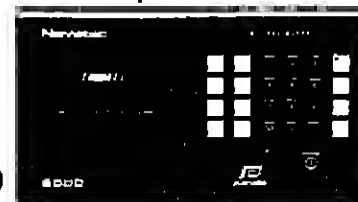
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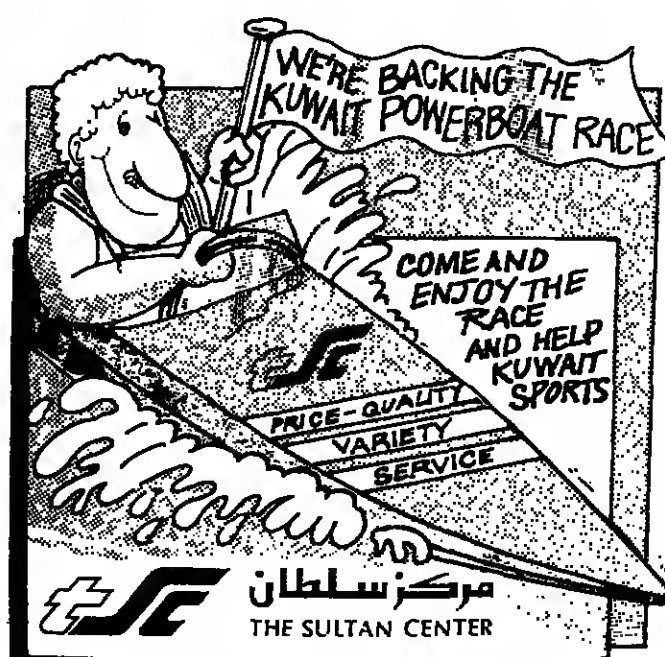


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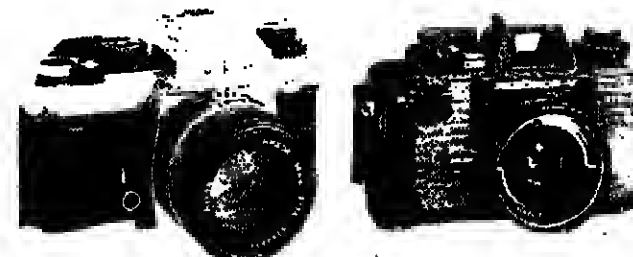
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Seek annulment of marriage, Tyson advised

NEW YORK, Oct. 10, (UPI): Boxer Mike Tyson's advisers suggested he seek an annulment of his marriage, sparing him a cash settlement, on grounds Robin Givens may have deceived him into wedlock with a phony pregnancy, the Daily News reported today.

The News quoted friends of Tyson as saying that three weeks before the wedding, Givens' mother told his managers her daughter was 3-1/2 months pregnant.

An annulment could avoid the prospect of a monetary settlement with Givens, who filed for divorce in California where community property laws divide couples' assets 50-50, the News said.

Lawyer Howard Weitzman met Tyson in Cleveland this week to plan moving the divorce case to New York and countering Givens, who gave conflicting stories about miscarriages when she never became visibly pregnant, the report said.

Removed
Givens' lawyer, Marvino Mitchell, charged yesterday that Tyson removed \$9 million from the couple's joint account and that "over \$1.5 million is money she has earned," the newspaper said.

The heavyweight champion, guided by promoter Don King and lawyer Michael Winstanley, has shifted his assets into a new account that Givens had no access to, the News said yesterday, citing unnamed sources.

The sources said Givens tried to cash a \$651,000 cheque after she left New York for California on Oct. 3, but Tyson blocked the transaction, the report said.

The 23-year-old actress on ABC's "Head of the Class" television show announced on Friday she has filed for divorce in California and was seeking half the money Tyson earned during the eight months of their marriage.

The 22-year-old prizefighter — who once said, "I work too hard for my money to give it away. I bleed for my money." — is worth an estimated \$50 million, more than half of it earned since he and Givens were married in February.

Eklom and Waitz triumph in marathon

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Oct. 10, (AP): Tommy Eklom of Finland broke away from the leaders with three kilometres left and easily won the men's 30-kilometre Lidingoloppet cross-country race yesterday.

Eklom, the defending champion, had a winning time of 1 hour, 37 minutes and 26 seconds. Jarl Gause Aase of Norway finished 26 seconds behind. Third went to Nade Sahkial of Tanzania in 1:38.31.

Grete Waitz of Norway, the all-time great in women's marathoning, captured the women's 15 kilometres in 53.28 after leading from the start. It was the 35-year-old veteran's 12th victory in the annual race and her eighth fastest time here. She set the meet record of 51.03 in 1980.

"I ran a little bit conservative today," Waitz said. "I only wanted to win the race. I over thought about the time."

Waitz, who also won the Stockholm marathon last June, was competing for the first time since the Seoul Olympics. She was forced to withdraw from the Olympic marathon because of a knee injury.

Waitz, who will not run any more marathons this year, won the Lidingoloppet 11 straight times 1976-1986. She didn't compete in last year's race, won by fellow Norwegian Ingrid Kristiansen.

OILERS SLIP PAST TOUGH CHIEFS

Esiason helps Bengals remain unbeaten

NEW YORK, Oct. 10, (AP): Boomer Esiason's three first-half touchdowns passed allowed the Cincinnati Bengals to remain the National Football League's only unbeaten team yesterday with a 36-19 win over the New York Jets.

The Bengals are 6-0, matching the best start in the team's history.

Esiason, the League's top-rated passer, hurled the New York Jets with touchdown passes of 60 and eight yards to Eddie Brown and 38 yards to Tim McGee to help the Bengals overcome a safety and fumbles that led to an early 9-0 lead by the Jets.

Cincinnati also got a pair of second-half touchdowns runs from Ickey Woods, who carried 30 times for 139 yards — the first 100-yard game of the rookie's career.

In other games, it was Chicago 24, Detroit 7; Buffalo 34, Indianapolis 23; Houston 7, Kansas City 6; the Los Angeles Rams 33, Atlanta 0; Green Bay 45, New England 3; Seattle 16, Cleveland 10; Minnesota 14, Tampa Bay 13; Washington 35, Dallas 17; Phoenix 31, Pittsburgh 14; Miami 24, the Los Angeles Raiders 14; New Orleans 23, San Diego 17; and Denver 16, San Francisco 13 in overtime.

This evening, the New York Giants were to be at Philadelphia.

Packers 45, Patriots 3
In Milwaukee, Brent Fullwood rushed for three second-half touchdowns and Green Bay intercepted five passes in its first victory of the season.

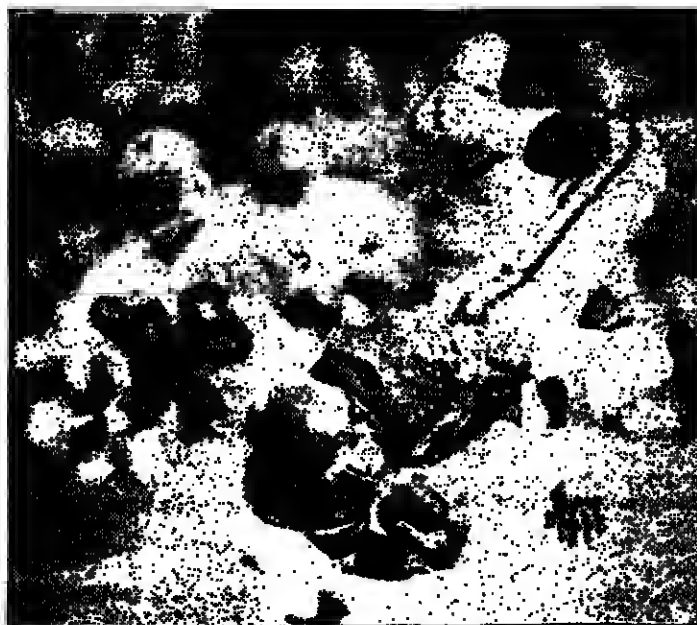
Green Bay 1-5, scored two touchdowns in the final five minutes of the second quarter for a 17-3 halftime lead.

Bears 24, Lions 7
Jim McMahon completed eight of 11 passes for 78 yards, including an 11-yard touchdown to Dennis Minkinon, before leaving the game with a slight concussion as Chicago defeated Detroit in Pontiac, Michigan.

The Bears, 5-1, remained in first place in the National Football Conference Central Division, while the Lions, 1-5, lost quarterback Chuck Long with a sprained knee.

Bills 34, Colts 23
Jim Kelly's three touchdown passes, including two to Andre Reed, helped the Bills rebound from a 17-point deficit to defeat Indianapolis at Buffalo.

The Bills improved their record to 5-1 and remained atop the American Football Conference East, while the Colts, last year's division champion, dropped to 1-5.



Vikings' tightend Steve Jordan (right) is upended after receiving a pass from Tommy Kramer. Watching the flip is Buccaneers' Eugene Marve. (Reuter wirephoto)

Oilers 7, Chiefs 6

Backup quarterback Brent

Pease threw early pass interceptions, but ran four yards for a

touchdown and Toni Zendejas

kicked the extra point in the third

quarter to give Houston the victory over Kansas City.

Pease replaced Cody Carlson, who fractured the thumb on his throwing hand with 33 seconds left in the first half.

Rams 38, Falcons 0

Jim Everett passed for 234

yards and three touchdowns and Greg Bell ran for 155 yards and

scored once for Los Angeles.

The Rams scored on five or six first-half possessions, failing only when Everett had a pass intercepted at the goal line.

Seahawks 16, Browns 10

Curt Warner ran for 96 yards and one touchdown and Norm Johnson kicked three field goals for Seattle. Cleveland lost Mike Pagel, its third starting quarterback this season, with a separated shoulder.

The Browns, 3-3, moved the ball reasonably well in the first half until Pagel was hurt making a tackle on Paul Moyer's 62-yard return of a hobbled field goal.

Redskins 35, Cowboys 17
Mark Rypien threw three touchdowns and ran for another to rally Washington over Dallas. Kelvis Bryant caught two scoring passes, ran for a touchdown and pushed for 118 yards as the defending Super Bowl champions evaded their record at 3-3. Dallas is 2-4.

Vikings 14, Buccaneers 13
Anthony Carter caught seven passes for 82 yards, scored one touchdown and set up another as Minnesota, 4-2, rallied to edge underdog Tampa Bay, 2-4.

Carter's diving 11-yard reception preceded Allen Rice's 1-yard scoring run with 2:49 left in the third quarter, putting the Vikings ahead 14-10.

Cardinals 31, Steelers 14
Neil Lomax threw for 291 yards and three touchdowns as Phoenix, 4-2, defeated Pittsburgh for the first time in 19 years.

The Cardinals took the lead for good at 10-7 on Al Del Greco's 19-yard field goal 2-10 into the second quarter.

Dolphins 24, Raiders 14
Liffort Hohley returned a fumble 19 yards for a touchdown. Miami's second score in an 11-second span of the second quarter, and the Dolphins went on to defeat error-prone Los Angeles.

Jay Schroeder threw four interceptions for the second straight game as Los Angeles, 2-4, had five turnovers that led to 17 Miami points.

Saints 23, Chargers 17
Two touchdown passes by Bobby Hebert and three field goals by Morten Andersen gave New Orleans, 5-1, its victory over San Diego, 2-4. The Saints haven't lost since dropping the season-opener against San Francisco.

New Orleans, down 14-0 early, closed the gap to 14-13 at halftime and took a 20-14 lead when Eric Martin caught a 10-yard scoring pass. Andersen ended the scoring with a 34-yard field goal with 6:16 left.

Disgraced sprinter knowingly took steroids, says teammate

Stop lying, Issajenko tells Johnson

TORONTO, Oct. 10, (UPI): A teammate of disgraced Olympic sprinter Ben Johnson alleged in a report published yesterday that Johnson knowingly took steroids given to them by Johnson's physician, and she urged the track star to "stop lying."

In an interview published in the Sunday Toronto Star, Angela Issajenko, a sprinter with Johnson's Mazda Optimists Track Club, said Dr. Jamie Astaphan had supplied steroids to athletes with the knowledge of coach Charlie Francis.

"I just don't care any more. I'm fed up with all the bull," Issajenko said. "Ben takes steroids. I take steroids. Jamie (Astaphan) gives them to us, and

Charlie isn't a scientist but he knows what's happening."

Johnson, 26, repeatedly has denied knowingly taking any illegal drugs.

"When I read how (Johnson's) so innocent and Charlie is so guilty, I want to scream at Ben to tell the truth. Stop lying and tell everyone you take steroids, and you know you take steroids," said Issajenko, 30.

Banned
Johnson won the 100-metre race in Seoul, South Korea on Sept. 24 in a record of 9.79 seconds. But he later was stripped of the record and the Olympic gold when traces of the banned anabolic steroid stanozolol were found in his urine.

The test results from the International Olympic Committee indicated long-term use of the muscle-building drug.

The Canadian government launched an inquiry into the affair last week and an agency that supervises doctors is investigating allegations. Astaphan supplied steroids to Olympic athletes. Astaphan has said he gave Johnson a form of steroids not forbidden by Olympic rules.

Issajenko said she knew Johnson was receiving steroids from Astaphan between 1984 and 1986, but "Ben was going on his own" to Astaphan after that.

Issajenko, a finalist in the 1987 World Championships, said she was trying to protect Johnson

when she earlier fabricated a story that someone had tried to sabotage the Canadian team in Seoul.

"What did I do to harm Ben? I made up a story about sabotage. Did that hurt Ben? I was trying to help him, but I don't know what kind of games he's playing," she said.

Issajenko acknowledged her statements would likely end her own career.

"I feel like a snitch, but I don't care any more. It's all going to come out sooner or later," she said. "My career is over. Charlie is finished as a coach and Jamie probably won't be able to be a doctor in either Canada or (his native) St. Kitts."

Pernfors cruises past Layendecker for title

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Oct. 10, (Reuter): Mikael Pernfors of Sweden needed just 54 minutes to defeat American Glenn Layendecker yesterday and win the singles title of the \$415,000 Scottsdale Classic mens tennis tournament.

Pernfors, ranked 24 and seeded third in the tournament, easily beat Layendecker, a qualifier ranked 206, 6-2, 6-4 to win \$59,500. Layendecker, a left-hander from the US, took \$29,750.

Pernfors used his exaggerated topspin style to keep Layendecker, a serve and volley player, pinned at the baseline. Layendecker could do nothing to counter Pernfors' high-bouncing shots, trying to chip and slice but making repeated errors.

Characteristic
Pernfors dominated the match from the start, breaking Layendecker in the opening game and racing to a 5-2 lead on a second break against the American which he took with a characteristic topspin lob.

Pernfors served out the set as Layendecker hit a forehand loop, an error he repeated frequently throughout the match.

Pernfors again took an early lead in the second set, breaking Layendecker in the second game at love with a forehand volley

long. From then on, the Swede's confidence was brimming as he played steadily from the baseline, lobbing or passing Layendecker whenever the American came to the net.

The single break kept Pernfors in front and he clinched the match on serve, 6-4, as Layendecker netted a forehand.

"When I broke him in the second set I really felt comfortable," Pernfors said. "He really had problems with my topspin. If I just played steady he would miss."

Layendecker was apologetic for his poor performance. The previous evening he had upset 71st ranked American, Jim Pugh, with a brilliant serve and volley performance, but against Pernfors he was flat and erratic.

"I felt a little tight," Layendecker said. "I didn't feel comfortable with most of the balls to come in. I didn't expect him to hit such topspin."

Pernfors has now won two tournaments in the past three weeks. He won the first two weeks ago in Los Angeles by defeating American Andre Agassi. The success has come as something of a surprise since Pernfors was out of competition between Wimbledon and the US Open undergoing knee surgery.

Edberg beats Hlasek to win Basle GP

BASLE, Switzerland, Oct. 10, (Reuter): Top-seeded Swede Stefan Edberg ended hopes of a first-ever home triumph in the Basle Tennis Grand Prix when he beat Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 7-5, 6-3, 6-6, 2-10 in the final yesterday.

In a classic exhibition of serve and volley tennis, a service break to love in the 12th game was enough to give the number one seed the first set in 37 minutes.

Alive

The contest effectively looked over when the London-based Swede cruised through the second set with a fourth-game service break, but Hlasek hit back to keep alive his hopes of first-ever Grand Prix win.

Hlasek reduced the deficit to 2-1 in sets by breaking the Swede for the first time in the eighth game to go 5-3 ahead, and held serve for the set.

Edberg, a winner here in 1985 and 1986, shifted into top gear in the fourth set. Using his full repertoire of strokes, he held his service to love, and took the next eight points with some breathtaking textbook power tennis to go 3-0 up.

The Swede faltered briefly in the seventh game when he fought off a service break to go 5-2 up.

my trademark," Evert said. "It's wavered over the last few years, but I can still get it back when I need it. After 4-4, I felt I had won."

In the second set, Evert won the first two games before being broken on a great drop shot. Evert then inexorably ground down Smith's baseline game and closed the match by holding serve at love.

Smith, best known as a doubles player with seven Grand Slam titles to her credit, was playing in her sixth tournament after coming back from rotator cuff surgery.

"In the first set, I was able to rally with my slice backhand," said Smith, who has now lost to Evert 15 times in 16 matches. "But she just gets better as the match goes on and I ran out of gas."

In doubles play, McNeil-Nagelsen battled back from a 3-1 deficit to tie up the second set at 4-4. But the Herr-Reynolds team broke in the ninth game and held serve in the tenth, both winning points set by Herr's crisp backhand volleys.

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Dodgers outlast Mets

NEW YORK, Oct. 10, (Reuter): Kirk Gibson's 12th-inning home run lifted the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 5-4 victory over the New York Mets early today to tie the National League championship series at two games apiece.

Gibson, who had one hit in 16 at bats in the series before his former New York reliever Roger McDowell, powered his blast 400 feet over the right-field fence.

The Mets led 4-2 going into the top of the ninth inning when Mets starter Dwight Gooden walked the leadoff hitter and gave up a first-pitch home run to Mike Scioscia, the Dodger catcher who had hit just three homers in the regular season.

The Mets threatened to come back and win it in the bottom of the 12th inning when they put

men on first and second base with none out.

Dodgers' reliever Tim Lincecum got Mets rookie Gregg Jefferies to line out to Gibson in left field and the Dodgers then brought in lefthander Jesse Orosco.

Orosco, who was the winning pitcher for the Mets when they won the pennant in 1986 and was on the mound when they won the World Series against the Boston Red Sox that year, walked Keith Hernandez to load the bases. Orosco then got slugger Darryl Strawberry to pop up to second base.

Los Angeles switched to right-hander Orel Herschiser, who started Saturday's game. The lanky pitcher induced Kevin McReynolds to hit a fly to short centrefield to end the game.

Oakland beat Boston to take AL series

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 10, (Reuter): The Oakland Athletics limited the Boston Red Sox to four hits in beating them 4-1 yesterday to win the American League championship series in a record four consecutive games and gain entry to the World Series.

Relief pitcher Dennis Eckersley, a former 20-game winner for the Red Sox, pitched the ninth inning and earned a record fourth save in the series, for which he was named the Most Valuable Player.

Oakland took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a home run by Jose Canseco, his third of the series. The A's made it 2-0 in the third inning on two singles followed by a double by Dave Henderson, also a former Red Sox player.

Boston scratched out a run in the sixth inning on just one single sandwiched around a walk, a force-out and a groundout.

Oakland got two insurance runs in the bottom of the eighth inning on three singles, a walk and a sacrifice fly.

Shut

Oakland's starting pitcher, Dave Stewart, was taken out in the eighth inning on after Boston's Ellis Burks singled. But Rick Honeycutt shut down the Sox for the rest of the eighth inning and Eckersley shut the door in the ninth.

"I didn't think the Red Sox had a chance today, there was too much against them," said Stewart who was 21-12 on the regular season. "I wanted to show the country what I could do."

"It's the best I've felt in my life," said Eckersley, who pitched seven years for Boston, winning 20 games in 1978. "I didn't have a lot today, I'm glad we had a three-run lead. I feel sorry for the Red Sox. I still have a bone there and I left a lot of my heart there."

Oakland will play the winner of the National League series between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Mets scheduled to begin next Saturday at the home park of the National League winner.

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PAKISTAN WIN SERIES AS 3RD TEST ENDS IN DRAW

Qasim and Tauseef thwart Aussies

LAHORE, Pakistan, Oct 11, (Reuters): Pakistan were required to fight to the final over today to ensure they drew the third and final cricket Test against Australia and complete a 1-0 series win.

Pakistan's ninth-wicket pair Iqbal Qasim and Tauseef Ahmad were their heroes, batting through the final four overs to frustrate Allan Border's bid for victory.

Australia lost the controversial first Test at Karachi by an innings and 188 runs and the second at Faisalabad was drawn.

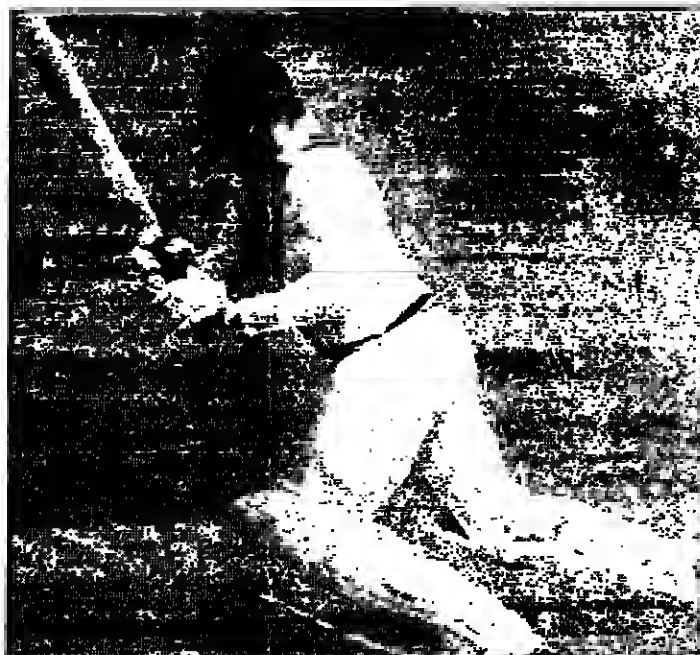
Struggled

After being set a generous target of 269 to win in 243 minutes plus 20 overs by Australia, Pakistan struggled in 153 for eight.

Border gambled on victory in the morning when he declared Australia's second innings at 161 for three after overnight pair Geoff Marsh and Peter Taylor had thrashed 29 from three overs in 16 minutes.

Despite being handicapped by the absence of strike bowler Bruce Reid, nursing an injured back, the Australians kept the initiative with some excellent bowling by off-spinners Tim May and Peter Taylor.

May turned the ball considerably on a wearing pitch to take



Mudassar: Pakistan's top scorer with 48

three for 39 from 35 overs and Taylor four for 78 from 28 overs. May removed Rameez Raja for 21 before lunch when Pakistan were 41 for one, but it was during the second session that the two slow bowlers undermined the front line batting.

Sanaib Muhammad went with

the total 48 when May trapped him lbw for three and the same bowler claimed the valuable scalp of Javed Miandad for 24. The Pakistan captain edged a catch to Border at slip, ending a third-wicket stand of 38 with Mudassar Nazir.

Shortly before tea Taylor had

Salim Malik caught behind by Ian Healy for 13 with the total at 107.

Mudassar was fifth out for 49 at 123, held beautifully by Border at slip off Taylor, who then proceeded to claim the wickets of Salim Yousuf (two) and Abdul Qadir (six) in quick succession to leave Pakistan precariously placed at 131 for seven.

Border's gamble in taking the second new ball looked like paying off when Tony Dodemaide removed Ejaz Ahmed for 15 at 147, but, despite being batted in by eight fielders, Iqbal Qasim and Tauseef Ahmad denied the Australians their first Test win on Pakistan soil since 1959-60.

Meanwhile, the Pakistan cricket board today rescheduled the third and final nine-day international between Pakistan and Australia at Lahore for Friday instead of Thursday.

The first and second one-day games at Gujranwala and Karachi were cancelled because of floods and ethnic riots.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA 1st innings 340 (G. Marsh 64, A. Border 75, S. Waugh 59)
PAKISTAN 1st innings 233 (Rameez Raja 64)
AUSTRALIA 2nd innings (overnight 132 for three)

G. Marsh not out 84
D. Boon c Miandad b Jaffer 28
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P. Taylor not out 25
Extras (lb-4) 4
Total (for three wickets declared, 41 overs) 161

Fall: 1-71 2-71 3-108
Did not bat: S. Waugh, G. Wood, L. Healy, T. Dodemaide, T. May, B. Reid.

Bowling: Salim Jaffer 14-2-60-2
Mudassar Nazir 3-0-8-0 Tauseef Ahmad 17-2-48-1 Abdul Qadir 4-1-26-0 Iqbal Qasim 3-4-15-0.

PAKISTAN second innings:
Mudassar Nazir c Border b Taylor 49
Rameez Raja c Boon b May 21
Shoaib Mohammad lbw b May 3
Javed Miandad c Border b May 24
Salim Malik c Healy b Taylor 13
Ejaz Ahmed c Taylor b Dodemaide 15
Salim Yousuf c Waugh b Taylor 2
Abdul Qadir st Healy b Taylor 6
Iqbal Qasim not out 10
Tauseef Ahmad not out 1

Extras (b-6 lb-1 nb-2) 9
Total (eight wickets) 153
Fall of wickets: 1-36 2-48 3-86 4-107 5-123 6-125 7-131 8-147.

Bowling: Dodemaide 12-5-20-1, Waugh 5-1-8-0, May 35-20-39-3, Taylor 28-9-78-4, Border 4-3-1-0
Result: match drawn
First Test: Pakistan won by an innings and 188 runs
Second Test: drawn.

Gloucestershire boss survives confidence vote



David Graveney

BRISTOL, England, Oct 11, (Reuters): The chairman of Gloucestershire county cricket club, Don Perry, survived a vote of no confidence by just three votes at a committee meeting yesterday.

It arose following the decision to sack David Graveney as captain and replace him by former Yorkshire batsman Bill Athey.

Members were swayed when Graveney, captain since 1981, said he did not wish to be considered again.

Members were unhappy at the way he was informed he would no longer be needed.

He was told in the middle of the match after he had just taken 14 wickets for the best return of his 17-year career.

Perry said: "Everybody has been criticised at tonight's meeting, including members of the cricket committee."

Graveney has been offered a two-year contract to continue as a player, but has yet to decide whether he will accept.

Honeyghan in line for 3-fight series

LONDON, Oct 11, (Reuters): Lloyd Honeyghan, Britain's World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight champion, has been lined up for a three-fight series with top US and Latin American boxers worth \$3 million to the winner, Honeyghan's manager Mickey Duff said today.

Honeyghan would first face American arch-rival Marlon Starling on December 17 or January 23, probably in Atlantic City, with the date depending on the timing of the clash between world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and British challenger Frank Bruno.

Next in line for the winner would be either World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight champion Tomas Molinares of Colombia or American Mark Breland, followed by a final showdown with WBA lightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez of Mexico.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the 2nd week's games in the 17-week Dunhill Bridge Tournament being held at the Hilton Hotel: N/S:

1. De Magdi Mesdadi & Tibah
2. Sapre & Gajjar
3. Amed & Mehdal

1. Dhumra & Montero
2. Mrs Pereira & D'Souza
3. Mrs Sapre & Desmond

Two players fined for playing in South Africa

FA rejects Davis' appeal against ban

LONDON, Oct 11, (Agencies): Arsenal midfielder Paul Davis, suspended for nine matches and fined £3,000 (\$5,000) for throwing a punch which left Southampton's Glenn Cockerill with a broken jaw, failed in his bid to have the ban and fine reduced today.

English Football Association (FA) chief executive Graham Kelly said after a hearing of the FA's board of appeal that the original commission "did not go patently wrong in their decision and the penalty which they handed out and saw no reason to interfere with it."

Davis' ban, which takes effect from Oct 15 is the longest imposed by the FA since the current system of disciplinary points was introduced in the early 1970s.

Meanwhile two English professional soccer players who went to South Africa to take part in multi-racial coaching clinics, have been banned for two domestic games for playing for a local team, FA officials said.

Breach

Darren Bradley, a midfielder with Second Division West Bromwich Albion, and Oshier Williams, a striker for Third Division Preston North End, also were fined £250 (\$427) for turning out for Cape Town Spurs in South Africa's National Soccer League during the summer.

A spokesman for the FA said Bradley, who is white, and Williams, who is black, had breached a rule that forbids players performing for teams in a non-affiliated country.

Because of its apartheid

policy, South Africa is banned from international sport and is not affiliated to FIFA, the world governing body.

West Bromwich Albion club secretary Gordon Bennett said the two players were guilty of a technical breach of the rule.

"Bradley and Williams went out to South Africa to do some coaching in a multi-racial coaching clinic, organised by Cape Town Spurs," he said.

"When Bradley was there, there were certain other (non-South African) players in the team and he was asked to play. He did not appreciate that there was a problem."

"The other players who were there were not registered with English clubs, but Bradley and Williams were. They have been dealt with for a very technical

breach of the regulations," Bennett said.

The two players have 14 days to appeal the ban, which comes into effect on Oct 24, but Bennett said Albion did not plan to contest it.

"The FA gave Bradley a very fair hearing and took into account all the mitigating circumstances," said Bennett, who feared a longer ban.

Ironically, Albion has a white South African player, striker John Paskin, currently on its books.

While other sports, such as cricket and rugby, have been dogged by the South Africa-apartheid issue, soccer has remained relatively trouble free, largely because it is not as popular among the white minority population.

Two Frenchmen killed in rally

LANZO, Italy, Oct 11, (AP): A French driver and his French navigator were killed today when their Citroen car went off the road and plunged down a cliff during the second stage of the San Remo Rally near this northern Italian town, police reported.

The victims were identified by authorities as Jean Marc Dubois, 28, from Rosny Sur Seine and Robert Moirier, 42, from Chateaufort du Chantre.

Police in the provincial capital of Turin, citing information from their officers at the scene of the accident, said the French car skidded on the wet asphalt along a hilly, narrow road, went off a bend, broke through the crash barrier and fell 100 metres into a crevasse.

Police said the two Frenchmen

were killed instantly.

Police also reported that in a separate accident two Italian onlookers were run down by an unidentified competitor as they stood on the road to take pictures of passing cars.

Fernando Federighi, 27, and Giuseppe Benedetto, 60, both suffered leg fractures. Doctors at Maurizio hospital in Lanzo said Federighi was in critical condition.

The French team was competing in a hilly area north of Turin which was picked by organisers for the first time this year for the staging of some special trials in the San Remo Rally, the tenth event of the World Rally Championship.

On the same bend, last year's

co-driver Juha Piironen had a lucky escape when their Toyota plunged off the road. They were forced to withdraw.

Kankkunen had been leading the rally overnight with the same time as Carlos Sainz of Spain and Italian Dario Cerrato.

Half way through the day, Sainz and Cerrato remained in contention along with Italian favourite Massimo Biasion, who leads the drivers' championship standings and needs only finish in the top six to clinch the overall title.

But leading French challenger Didier Auriol in a Ford Sierra Cosworth was forced to withdraw when he also crashed off the road in rain and heavy mist during a later special stage of the race.

United reject Villa's bid

MANCHESTER, England, Oct 11, (UPI): English First Division soccer club Manchester United has rejected Aston Villa's transfer bid of \$1,275,000 for international striker Peter Davenport.

United manager Alex Ferguson yesterday confirmed Villa's bid, but maintained Davenport was too happy to stay at Manchester.

"All Peter ever wanted was first team football and he's getting that at the moment. He's happy with us now," Ferguson said.

The England forward stormed out of a training session last month to demand a transfer, but scored three goals in four games after being restored to the first team in a wide role on the left.

World champion says he was drugged

Givens wants to settle case out of court

LOS ANGELES, Oct 11, (AP): The new divorce lawyer for actress Robin Givens says he would like to negotiate a settlement with her husband, heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson.

New York attorney Raoul Felder told the Associated Press yesterday that Givens lives the millionaire prize-fighter, whom she accused of beating her and threatening to kill her, but there appears no chance to save the eight-month marriage.

Givens, who last week hired famed "palimony" lawyer Marvin Mitchelson to oversee the breakup of her marriage, changed lawyers yesterday, hiring Felder.

Prescription

Meanwhile, Tyson charged that his wife and her mother had seen to it that he was sedated on prescription drugs during his appearance on ABC television late last month.

"They were giving the medicine to my friend ... to give to me," Tyson told the New York Post in a story published today. "They wanted him to make sure I took it."

He said the drugs had been described by a psychiatrist to tame his allegedly manic-depres-

sive behaviour. Other experts have concluded that Tyson is not manic-depressive.

On the television show, "20-20," Tyson was seen sitting and watching while Givens claimed that he had abused her and made married life "torture ... pure hell." Two days after it was aired, police were called to the couple's New Jersey mansion after a reportedly violent episode involving Tyson, but no charges were filed.

Felder said in a telephone interview from New York the case filed Friday in Los Angeles superior court would be handled by one of his West Coast associates rather than by Mitchelson.

"I don't like to say 'fired'," Felder said. "She severed her relationship (with Mitchelson) and hired me."

Sources, however, told the Daily News in New York that Givens and her mother, Ruth Roper, were angered because Mitchelson agreed to appear on the CBS-TV "This Morning" programme. A Mitchelson spokesman said the appearance was cancelled after the two women ordered the lawyer to stop talking about the divorce, the newspaper reported today.



Givens and Tyson before the breakup.

Mitchelson, who established a live-in companion's right to alimony-type payments in the celebrated "palimony" case against the late actor Lee Marvin, refused to comment on reports of his firing. He referred questions to Felder.

According to the New York

newspaper, Givens told friends that she urged Felder to try to settle out of court.

"She said she wants to settle," an unidentified friend told the Daily News. "She said it could be easily resolved 'if Michael apologizes to me.'"

Tyson, whose worth is



Agassi: won his first ever game with Edberg

Agassi beats Edberg in exhibition match

BEIJING, Oct 11, (AP): Andre Agassi scored a convincing 6-3, 6-4 victory today over Sweden's Stefan Edberg in the first match ever between the two young superstars of tennis.

The 18-year-old American outran and outthrew his 22-year-old opponent, keeping Edberg off-balance with his high-powered, two-handed backhand and smoking serves.

The exhibition match, played before about 5,000 people at Beijing's capital gymnasium, was the first appearance of top world tennis players in China since Jimmy Connors and other stars took part in a Grand Prix event in Caotuo in 1980.

Edberg, winner of the men's singles title at Wimbledon this year, is ranked third in the world, while Agassi is fourth-ranked.

Among the spectators were Wao Li, chairman of the National People's Congress, China's parliament, and Li Tieying, head of the state education commission. Both are avid tennis players, and Agassi played with Li yesterday.

In the first set, Agassi broke Edberg's serve in the sixth game

and held his own serve throughout for the 6-3 win.

Agassi again broke Edberg's serve in the sixth game and held his own serve throughout for the 6-3 win.

Agassi again broke Edberg's serve in the third game of the second set, and appeared ready to run away with the match. But Edberg then showed a spark of life, winning Agassi's serve in the fourth game and taking the seventh game and taking the fourth straight points to take a 4-3 lead.

But Edberg, who had arrived earlier in the day after travelling half way around the world from a tournament he won in Switzerland, then began to falter, hitting balls into the net and letting Agassi hit behind him. Agassi swept the last three games for the match.

Train

The match was broadcast live on national television to an audience of tens of millions that knows little or nothing of tennis.

China has begun to train a few tennis players for international competition but there are still almost no courts for the general populace.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Seven-a-side soccer tournament

BOYS OWN CLUB will hold their 4th seven-a-side soccer tournament on Oct 23 with the draws on the same day at 6.30 am and the tournament starting half an hour later. For further information contact Joe D'Souza, Tel: 4813622/25 ext. 147.

Annual golf tournament

THE annual Goodyear International Golf Trophy tournament will be held at Ahmadi Golf Club on Oct 21 and the last date of receiving the entries is Sunday the Oct 16. Only members of the Ahmadi Golf Club are eligible to participate in this tournament. They should register their names at the club only.

1992 Barcelona Olympics

MADRID, Oct 11, (UPI): Spanish Olympic officials expressed fears today that a new outbreak of African horse fever may force equestrian events in the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympics to be held outside Spain. Twenty horses in the southern province of Cadiz died at the weekend, apparently afflicted by African horse fever, in the second outbreak of the disease in Spain in 13 months.

Tatabanya defeat Stuttgart

TATABANYA, Hungary, Oct 11, (Reuters): Tatabanya of Hungary beat VfB Stuttgart of West Germany 2-1 (halftime 0-0) in the UEFA Cup soccer first round, second leg match today. Scorers: Tatabanya — Csapo (54th minute), Schmidt (81st) Stuttgart — Allgower (78th, penalty) Stuttgart win 3-2 on aggregate.

Kenyan runner joins tour of South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Oct 11, (AP): Organizers of a visit here by American track and field athletes said a Kenyan distance runner joined the group today, defying his country's strict observance of the sports boycott against South Africa.

The runner was identified as Samson Obwocha, who arrived on a flight from London.

Peter van der Bergh, a publicist for the planned three-meet series involving the foreigners, said Obwocha had spent a substantial amount of time in the United States recently.

Van der Bergh said he had no other details of the runner's credentials. He said Obwocha would compete in the steeplechase and either the 3,000 or 5,000 metre runs.

A nationally circulated Kenyan newspaper, the Daily Nation, said Obwocha last represented Kenya in 1979, when he ran the 800 metres at a meet in Nairobi. The newspaper said Obwocha now lived in the United States.

The rest of the foreign competitors — 11 from the United States and one from Brazil — arrived Sunday. Sponsors of the visit have not disclosed how much the visitors are being paid.

The three planned meets, Oct

Davis edges Frawley for 2nd round

SYDNEY, Oct 11, (Reuters): American Marty Davis, losing finalist in last week's Queensland Open, continued his recent fine form today with a first round win over number six seed John Frawley in the Australian indoor tennis tournament.

Davis won 7-6 6-4 to reach the second round where he will meet compatriot Richard Matuszewski.

"I don't think I can hit the ball better than I have in the last couple of weeks," said Davis, who trailed 6-5 in the first set with the Australian's serve to come.

But Davis broke back and went on to win an exciting tie-breaker, leaving Frawley in lament: "I just made too many errors."

Recovering

Number two seed Andres Gomez of Ecuador struggled into the second round by beating Bruce Derlin of New Zealand 1-6 6-2 6-3.

Gomez, who is recovering from a shoulder injury which kept him out of the Olympics, looked out of sorts in the first set but pulled himself together as the match progressed.

The Ecuadorian could not serve at full pace because of the injury and admitted he was relieved to have reached the next round where he will play Australian qualifier Brett Custer.

The tournament has been badly hit by the late withdrawal of top players such as Ivan Lendl, Pat Cash and John McEnroe.

Schapers moves past Osterthun

TOULOUSE, France, Oct 11, (AP): Michiel Schapers of the Netherlands advanced yesterday to the second round of the \$250,000 Olympia Grand Prix tennis tournament, defeating 1987 Toulouse finalist Ricky Osterthun of West Germany.

Schapers, ranked 41st in the world, defeated the West German 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

In other first-round matches, Eduardo Masso of Argentina defeated fellow countryman Javier Frana 6-4, 6-4; Milan Strejcek of Czechoslovakia downed Soviet Andrei Vysand 6-1, 7-5; Marko Ostojic of Yugoslavia eliminated Eric Winogradsky of France 7-5, 6-3; and Yaya Dombia of Senegal stopped Diego Nargiso of Italy 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

The top two seeds in the tournament, Henri Leconte of France and Jimmy Connors of the United States, were scheduled for opening-round matches this evening. Leconte was to play Ramesh Krishnan of India. Connors was to play Christian Sacanu of West Germany.

Student games

BELGRADE, Oct 11, (Reuters): Yugoslavia's state auditors said yesterday they would prosecute the organisers of the 1987 World Students Games in Zagreb for misusing vast sums of money.

Tanjung news agency said the state auditing service, a financial watchdog body, reported many irregularities in the accounts. Parliament would debate the scandal on October 28 and those involved would be prosecuted.